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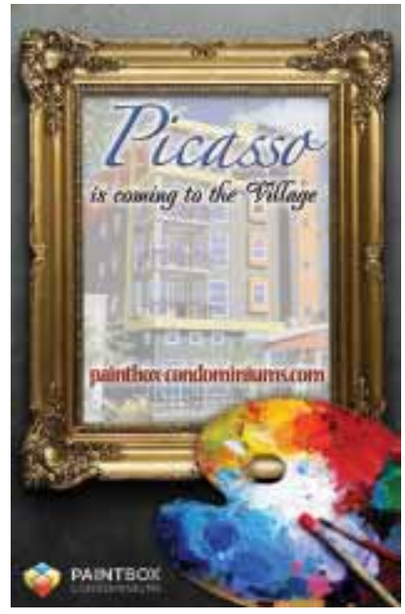

Natasha Klassen of Subgenres Winnipeg has organized a zombie apocalypse strategy game next Saturday night at Valour Community Centre (formerly Orioles Community Centre). SHANE GIBSON/METRO

The undead are about to come to life in Winnipeg

Zombie Apocalypse Night. 'Psychological survival mind game' lets you channel your inner Rick Grimes

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Do you have what it takes to survive the zombie apocalypse?

Those sure they've got the braaaaaaaaaaaains to outsmart the undead can practise for the real thing the night of May 24, as zombies descend on a west-end community centre.

"It's a complete psychological survival mind game," explained organizer Natasha Klassen of Subgenres Winnipeg. "I don't think anybody's going to expect what we've got planned for them."

Zombie Apocalypse Night will see 30 players take refuge at the Valour Community Centre at 448 Burnell St. (formerly Orioles Community Centre) as zombies take over Winnipeg.

Players will be split into groups barricaded in separate rooms as hungry zombies infiltrate the building.

And that's when the game really starts.

Each participant has a character profile that includes secrets and medical conditions that come into play as the game unfolds. Others have to decide whether or not to throw the afflicted player to the zombies in the hall or risk getting attacked while running between rooms to trade for resources needed to save them.

"There's lots of twists and turns that'll happen to these poor people," laughed Klassen. "The people you should be the most worried about are the people in the room with you."

Once infected, players can decide to become a zombie or be banished to a catered and licensed dance going on at the club as the game is played.

The last player standing wins prizes including tickets to Subgenres Winnipeg's Grand Vampire Ball.

Tickets for the game are $30 and include free admission to the dance, and tickets to the dance alone are $18. To buy tickets, or for more info, visit subgenreswinnipeg.com.

You look like death

The evening includes the opportunity to be professionally made up by Winnipeg's top zombifier, artist John Izzard.

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Winnipeg streets still safe to drive on after sinkhole: City

'Very rare.' Director of public works says staff often find and fix problems before a major shutdown is needed

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Drivers shouldn't be afraid of city streets after a large sinkhole opened up on St. Mary's Road, said the city's director of public works.

Brad Sacher said Wednesday's sinkhole in St. Vital is "very rare" and was likely caused by a minor disconnect between the drainage inlets and the pipes to the main sewer.

"Over time, the soil that's around the pipe finds its way into the pipes and gets washed into the sewer, so a void is created there, and it happens very gradually most of the time," said Sacher Thursday.

"It's something that's really difficult to detect but again, it's very rare, we certainly don't want people to be afraid of driving on our streets because there's no reason to be afraid of it."

Sacher said the city catches most of these potential sinkholes in advance of them becoming a problem, and he encourages Winnipeggers to call 311 if they start to see a possible issue on a road.

"We're always appreciative that someone speaks up, but we have a lot of staff that are out on the streets doing maintenance work and they see these things and a lot of times we'll intervene even before it's even necessary to do a major shutdown," said Sacher, adding St. Mary's Road should be open fully to traffic by early next week.

Ross Porter heard about the attention-getting sinkhole on the radio Thursday morning and decided to stop by and check it out.

"It's crazy.... I've never seen anything like it before," he told a Metro photographer.

"I'm glad I got to see it now so I can tell people what I saw before they get around to filling it in."

Ross Porter stopped to check out the giant sinkhole that opened up on St. Mary's Avenue. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Fines for speeding near construction zones doubling

Steve Ashton SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Lead-footed drivers caught speeding through road construction zones this summer will face stiffer penalties thanks to amendments to the Highway Traffic Act.

The changes, which take effect Friday, will see fines for speeding near construction zones double, and tickets can now be handed out regardless of whether workers are even there.

"This is an important workplace safety and health issue," explained Transportation Minister Steve Ashton of the amendments, which were passed in the legislature late last year. "Normally it would take some time to roll this out, but this is a top priority for our government."

The amendments will go into effect in two phases starting first at designated construction zones on highways provincewide and city roads with speed limits over 80 kilometres an hour. Ashton said he expects the new rules will be applied to all streets in Winnipeg starting later in the summer.

The new rules come as the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba officially kicked off its annual Safe Roads Campaign Thursday morning. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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The TSB says this plane was overloaded and ice-covered before it crashed. COURTESY RCMP

2012 plane crash due to ice build-up, overloading: TSB

Lack of safety.
Passengers weren't wearing seatbelts at time of crash

The Transportation Safety Board says a Manitoba plane crash that claimed the life of a pilot two years ago was caused by ice and overloading.

An investigation into the November 2012 crash in a remote area near Snow Lake found the pilot didn't clear ice from critical surfaces on the plane.

Seriously injured

The seven passengers were seriously injured in the crash, about 700 kilometres north of Winnipeg.

The safety board report says the plane was also significantly overloaded and was flying almost 275 kilograms overweight.

Investigators found passengers were not given a safety briefing before takeoff, so they were not properly seated or wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash.

It occurred shortly after takeoff from Snow Lake on a flight carrying mining employees to Winnipeg.

"During the pre-flight inspection, the pilot tapped the leading edges of the wings with a broom handle in an attempt to remove the ice, but did not do this on the horizontal stabilizer of the aircraft," the safety report says. "Ice remained on the leading edges of the wings and tail before the flight.

"As a result, shortly after departure, the aircraft stalled at an altitude from which recovery was not possible."

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Winnipeg mourns the loss of George Richardson

One of Winnipeg's most prominent and charitable families has lost its patriarch.

George Taylor Richardson died Wednesday at the age of 89, according to a statement released by the family.

George's son, Hartley, told employees of James Richardson & Sons, Ltd. about his father's passing Wednesday morning. "On behalf of our family, it is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing this morning of my father, George T. Richardson," the statement to employees read.

George was instrumental in developing the family company, James Richardson & Sons, growing it into one of Canada's most respected and largest corporations, with investments in agriculture, financial services and oil and gas exploration.

George served as president from 1966 to 1993, and chairman from 1993 to 2000. When he retired, he still served as honourary chairman until his death.

George Taylor Richardson
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"I am greatly saddened to hear of the passing of George Richardson," said David Barnard, University of Manitoba president, in a statement. "He was an outstanding visionary and business leader, and someone whose impact has been felt by all Manitobans." Barnard called him one of the U of M's "most outstanding graduates, having received his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1946 and an honourary Doctor of Laws in 1969."

University of Winnipeg president Lloyd Axworthy echoed Barnard's sentiments, calling him a great supporter of education and noted the family's $3.5-million donation to the U of W's signature building for renovations.

The Richardsons, with an estimated wealth of $4.45 billion according to Canadian Business magazine, are noted philanthropists in Winnipeg, giving generously to several community projects, including many projects at Assiniboine Park and Assiniboine Park Zoo.

George leaves to mourn his wife, Tannis, and his sons, David and Hartley. His daughters, Pamela and Karen, died in 1980 and 2013 respectively.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

'High-level estimate'

Report on frozen pipes costs delayed until June

Winnipeggers will have to wait another month to find out what the bill will be for the frozen water pipes emergency this past winter and spring.

Mike Ruta, the City of Winnipeg's chief financial officer, said though the finance committee requested an update on the numbers during Thursday's meeting, it made more sense to roll this "high-level estimate" into the March forecast, which will be presented during the June 12 meeting.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck said the request for this information during the May meeting "wasn't unreasonable" and should be tracked anyway for the city's disaster financial assistance (DFA) request.

Committee chair Coun. Russ Wyatt said it's precisely because of the DFA request that the city wants to make sure it provides accurate numbers.

"It's crucial that in terms of what the total cost is that it's accurate when you're submitting such a claim"; otherwise you risk not getting the full amount back from the DFA, said Wyatt.

According to the city, as of May 13, 111 homes remain without water, 625 are hooked up to temporary hose lines and 7,320 properties are running water after being identified as at-risk for frozen pipes.

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Sci-fi convention

Keycon 2014 welcomes local and international authors alike

Local writer Chadwick Ginther
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It's the only Canadian convention one of science fiction's most-celebrated authors travels to and pays for out of his own pocket.

The 31st edition of Keycon, Manitoba's premier sci-fi and fantasy literary convention, will feature eagerly returning guest of honour Robert J. Sawyer (Triggers) — the only Canadian to win all three of the genre's top awards: the Nebula (1995), the Hugo (2003) and the John W. Campbell (2006).

Keycon unfolds May 16-18 at downtown Winnipeg's Radisson Hotel, including but not limited to writing, visual arts, television and film, according to the event's website.

Other guests include leading Canadian fantasy author Tanya Huff (the Blood Books series, adapted as TV series Blood Ties), and local writer Chadwick Ginther, who recently won a Manitoba Book Award for his McNally Robinson local bestseller Thunder Road and is also nominated at the 2014 Aurora Awards, presented annually for Canada's best sci-fi and fantasy.

"This is my home convention," Ginther said of Keycon's personal significance.

Also featured are gaming, live-action role-playing, themed hospitality suites occupying an entire floor, and a post-apocalyptic-future costume contest.

"Winnipeg is plenty big to host science-fiction conventions; I've been to ones in much smaller towns" (like Fargo, N.D.).

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Havixbeck promises change to city's governance model

'Thoughtful model.'
Councillor says she would hold more city council meetings to get more done

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The latest candidate to enter the mayoral race threw down the gauntlet to her rivals on Thursday, making several campaign promises and sharing her vision for the city.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck held a noon-hour rally, attended by about 40 people, which outlined her priorities.

In doing away with executive policy committee, Havixbeck said she'd hold more frequent city council meetings, including during the six-week break from mid-July to the end of August.

Havixbeck's promises:

- No more sole-sourced contracts being awarded.
- The city finding a "secondary water source."
- "End the culture of bullying" at city hall.
- A plan to tackle frozen pipes, brown water.
- No tax increases, or "at a minimum, keeping taxes low."

"I will be presenting a well-researched, thoughtful model because Winnipeg is one of the last cities that has this kind of a model, where the mayor can appoint an inner-circle of six people," said Havixbeck, adding that she'd distribute a portion of the extra pay for the six EPC councillors to all councillors.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck chats with Lynn Douglas, left, and Edna Hofer following her campaign mayoral launch at city hall on Thursday.
BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Havixbeck said she'd replace the current monthly one city council meeting and three EPC meetings with four city council meetings: one council meeting on property issues, one council seminar and two formal meetings.

"No EPC. Every councillor would have the opportunity to chair a committee, every councillor would have an opportunity to be rotated through each of the committees, so that you become a well-rounded councillor and you can learn about all the various areas instead of staying on one committee for your entire four-year term."

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NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair appears at a Commons House affairs committee on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday to explain the use of House of Commons resources by the Opposition. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mulcair stands ground on alleged misuse of budget

New Democrats.
Grilling prompted over complaints that party was improperly using Commons budget

Tom Mulcair stood his ground Thursday throughout an unprecedented two-hour grilling by a Commons committee over the NDP's allegedly improper use of parliamentary resources.

The NDP leader was at times contemptuous of his Conservative and Liberal tormentors but kept his temper in check as he insisted — repeatedly — that New Democrats have done nothing wrong.

Nothing he said persuaded Tory and Liberal MPs on the procedure and House affairs committee, who continued to allege the NDP has been using taxpayers' money to pay for partisan activities, in violation of parliamentary rules.

But none of their questions elicited any new ammunition with which to target the NDP.

"In seven years sitting on this committee, I have never seen a witness as evasive as this witness," said Conservative MP Stephen Woodworth, a lawyer who handled the questioning from the government side.

"In my 36 years in government, Mr. Woodworth, I've never seen the governing party get together with its handmaiden in the third party to convene (an interrogation of) the leader of the Opposition," shot back Mulcair, dismissing the spectacle as a partisan kangaroo court.

The two-hour standoff marked the first time in Canadian history that an opposition leader has been ordered to testify at a committee, according to the Library of Parliament.

Committees are ordinarily the forums in which MPs examine legislation and hold the government to account. But the Conservatives last month employed an obscure procedural manoeuvre to pass a motion in the Commons ordering Mulcair to appear at committee.

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The issue

- Thursday's grilling was prompted by Liberal and Conservative complaints that New Democrats improperly used their Commons budgets to pay staff in satellite party offices in Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto and used their free postal privileges to send bulk partisan mailings into four ridings that were in the midst of byelection campaigns late last year.
- On the satellite offices, Mulcair was adamant that the employees have been engaged solely in furthering the parliamentary agenda of NDP MPs.

Racist policies

B.C. apologizes to Chinese-Canadians for 'dark period' in province's history

British Columbia's premier has formally apologized for racist policies that started more than 140 years ago against Chinese immigrants.

"While the governments which passed these laws and polices acted in a manner that was lawful at the time, today this racist discrimination is seen by British Columbians — represented by all members in this legislative assembly — as unacceptable and intolerable," Christy Clark said in the legislature.

"We believe this formal apology is required to ensure that closure can be reached on this dark period in our province's history," she said Thursday.

More than 100 laws, regulations and policies imposed by past B.C. governments discriminated against people of Chinese descent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Academic freedom.
University offers to reinstate fired professor

The president of the University of Saskatchewan says the school is willing to return tenure to a professor who was fired over a letter he wrote critical of budget cuts.

Robert Buckingham was terminated this week after the Opposition New Democrats released his letter in the legislature.

University president Ilene Busch-Vishniac says that academic freedom and tenure "are sacrosanct" at the university.

But she also says the case of Buckingham, who was executive director of the School of Public Health, is not one of academic freedom.

"Dr. Buckingham was removed from his executive director position for acting contrary to the expectations of his leadership role," Busch-Vishniac said in a release Thursday.

"Dr. Robert Buckingham, who was terminated from his position on May 14, will not return to that leadership position. He will, however, be offered a tenured faculty position."

A heavy-handed response

"Firing a dean and tenured full professor because he publicly disagreed with your plans for the university is an intolerable attack on academic freedom and proper university governance."
James Turk, director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers

Busch-Vishniac said confusion had stemmed from differing interpretations of his contract. She also said Buckingham was never banned from the campus as had been reported by the NDP.

The university's decision came shortly after Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall said he wanted an urgent meeting between the province and the board over the professor's firing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jupiter's changing its spot

Don't ask them why.
Astronomers have no answer why that giant red spot on the planet is shrinking rapidly

Jupiter's Great Red Spot seems to be on a cosmic diet, shrinking rapidly before our eyes.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope calculate that the spot, a giant long-lasting storm, is narrowing by about 930 kilometres a year, much faster than before.

In the late 1800s the red spot was an oval 41,000 kilometres wide. Now it's a circle that's 16,500 kilometres across.

Michael Wong, a scientist at the University of California, Berkeley, said the spot is a mystery. Astronomers don't know why it's red or shrinking, or what will happen next. If this pace continues, in 17 years the spot could be gone. Or it could stop at a smaller size.

Wong said one theory is the spot eats smaller storms, and that it is consuming fewer of them.

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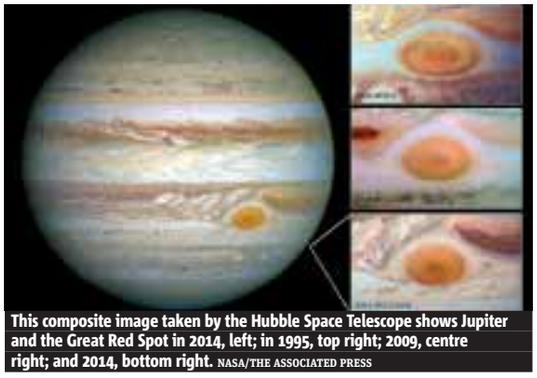

This composite image taken by the Hubble Space Telescope shows Jupiter and the Great Red Spot in 2014, left; in 1995, top right; 2009, centre right; and 2014, bottom right. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In your face: Fair showcases 3D advances

Mario Huettenhofer, chief of the German company 3D Fab, presents his own face as a 3D print during the international fairs FabCon 3.D and Rapid.Tech in Erfurt, Germany, Thursday, where 130 exhibitors from all over the world present 3D printing advances. Around 80 scientists, practitioners and trend analysts from 10 countries will explain the latest findings, trends and applications for additive processes in industry and for 3D printing in the private sector to newcomers, experts and consumers at the trade fairs. JENS MEYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fishy story. Teen grabs 3-foot carp swimming down street

A northern Ohio teenager is reeling in attention for a big catch after he spotted a three-foot carp swimming in receding floodwaters on his street and scooped it into his arms as his mother caught the scene on video.

North Royalton resident Jake Sawyer, 16, waded through more than ankle-deep water as he stalked the big fish in the dark Monday night and eventually trapped it. Sawyer said heavy rains that day had caused flash-flooding as high as his mailbox, and he suspects the large grass carp slipped out of a nearby pond as the water rose.

He said he wanted to ensure the fish didn't become trapped and die in the street, so he carried it back to the pond. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hungry burglar

Breakfast without break-in eggs?

A Pennsylvania man caught breaking into a neighbour's house says he was only borrowing eggs to make breakfast. Police found dresser and cabinet drawers and doors open but the homeowner said nothing appeared to be missing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Income tax checks

Double refund? Not so fast, city says

Officials say a computer glitch on April 27 is responsible for 73 Grand Rapids, Mich., residents getting two income tax refund checks from the city instead of one. A local TV station said one of the "lucky 73" alerted the city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accident report

Don't drive drunk to police station

Police say a 31-year-old man has been arrested after he drove to a Louisiana state police headquarters while drunk to file a report after calling in to say his vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run driver.

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Threatened wildlife

Grizzly bears could lose protection

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River Bosna devastates villages with floods

A Bosnian man views the scene after a landslide caused by flooding in the village of Topcic Polje near Zenica, located about 120 kilometres north of Sarajevo, on Thursday. Heavy rainfall caused the river Bosna to flood surrounding areas causing power cuts and road blockades in some suburban and rural areas. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harkat: 'You'll have to send me with a box'

Facing deportation. Mohamed Harkat says that if deported to Algeria, he will be tortured and killed

Terror suspect Mohamed Harkat has a grim request if the Canadian government sends him back to his native Algeria: Send a casket along with him.

That's how sure Harkat is that he'll be tortured and killed if he's deported. Harkat's dire message came a day after the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the national security certificate against him, unanimously ruling the process is consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Mohamed Harkat cries at a press conference on Parliament Hill on May 15. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The 45-year-old former pizza delivery man says he's certain to face torture and death if returned to Algeria, given the accusations against him.

"You'll have to send me with a box. They're going to torture me and bury me in it."

Indeed, Harkat is running out of options in his long legal saga. Harkat was taken into custody in Ottawa in December 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent — an accusation he denies.

The federal government is trying to deport the Algerian refugee on a security certificate, a seldom-used tool for removing non-citizens suspected of involvement in terrorism.

His lawyers argued the process was unfair because the person named in a certificate doesn't see the full case against them. Harkat's wife, Sophie, said she and her husband feel betrayed by their country.

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South Korea

Captain of sunken ferry indicted

Prosecutors indicted the captain of the sunken South Korean ferry and three crew members on homicide charges, alleging they were negligent and failed to protect more than 300 people missing or dead in the disaster. Less serious indictments were issued against 11 other crew members.

Capt. Lee Joon-seok and the other homicide defendants could face the death penalty if convicted, according to the Supreme Court.

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Weather-related

Ferry sinks in Bangladesh river

A ferry carrying more than 100 passengers capsized and sank Thursday in a river in central Bangladesh after being hit by a storm. Eight bodies have been recovered, an official said.

Many people swam to safety after the accident and it was unclear how many remained missing. Ferry accidents are common in Bangladesh because of overcrowding, faulty vessels and lax rules. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supreme Court. Hassan Diab turns to highest court to halt extradition

Terror suspect Hassan Diab is turning to the Supreme Court of Canada in a bid to halt his extradition to France.

The move comes after the Ontario Court of Appeal dismissed the Ottawa sociology professor's bid to avoid being surrendered as a suspect in a decades-old terrorist bombing.

The appeal court said a lower-court judge, and subsequently the federal justice minister, made no legal errors in coming to the conclusion Diab should be extradited to France.

France suspects Diab, 60, was involved in the anti-Semitic bombing of a Paris synagogue in 1980 that killed four people and injured dozens of others.

Diab has steadfastly denied involvement, saying the unwavering moral principle throughout his life has been promoting equality and respect.

In June 2011, Ontario Superior Court Justice Robert Maranger committed Diab for extradition to face French authorities despite acknowledging the case against him was weak. The following April, then-justice minister Rob Nicholson signed an extradition order surrendering Diab to France. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hassan Diab, the Ottawa professor who has been ordered extradited to France by the Canadian government, speaks at a press conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on April 13, 2012. PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadian-Egyptian Mohammed Fahmy, acting bureau chief of Al-Jazeera, appears in a defendant's cage along with other defendants during their trial on terror charges in Cairo Thursday. HAMADA ELRASAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jailed journalists' lawyers quit case

'Bad omen.' Human rights lawyer says this development could harm the Al-Jazeera employees because it implies they are guilty

Three lawyers representing Al-Jazeera English journalists on trial in Egypt abruptly quit the case Thursday, accusing the network of using the arrest of their staff to tarnish the country's image.

The move prompted one of the accused, Canadian-Egyptian Mohammed Fahmy, to shout from behind bars that "we are very angry with the way this is unfolding."

A human rights lawyer criticized the decision by the three lawyers, calling the courtroom declarations a "bad omen" for the journalists held since December on charges of belonging to and aiding a terrorist group, namely the Muslim Brotherhood and of fabricating footage to undermine Egypt's national security.

In addition to the three journalists, 14 other people are charged in the case. All but nine are being tried in absentia, though one newly arrested defendant attended the trial for the first time Thursday. Other defendants include student supporters of the Brotherhood, including a son of a high-ranking leader Mohammed el-Beltagy. The journalists say they have no relationship with the students. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"What the lawyer did makes us look bad!"

Canadian-Egyptian Mohammed Fahmy, one of the accused, shouting to journalists from behind bars in the courtroom.

Tunisia

PM vows to reform outdated pot laws

Tunisia's prime minister has backed a reform of the country's harsh penalties of up to five years for cannabis possession, calling it "out of sync" with current times.

Mehdi Jomaa was responding to the arrest of prominent blogger Aziz Amami on Monday for cannabis use. Amami's blog gained widespread attention during the 2011 revolution against Tunisia's former dictator. Activists accuse police of using harsh drug laws to target those they disagree with. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sudan. Muslim-born woman sentenced to death for marriage to Christian

A Muslim-by-birth Sudanese woman who married a Christian man was sentenced to death Thursday after she refused to recant her Christian faith, her lawyer said.

Meriam Ibrahim, whose father was Muslim but her mother was an Orthodox Christian from Ethiopia, was convicted of "apostasy" on Sunday and given four days to repent and escape death, lawyer Al-Shareef Ali al-Shareef Mohammed said. The 26-year-old, who is eight months pregnant, was sentenced after that grace period expired, Mohammed said.

Mohammed said Ibrahim's Muslim father left her mother when she was a child and her mother raised her as a Christian.

The court in the capital, Khartoum, also ordered that Ibrahim be given 100 lashes for committing "zena" — an Arabic word for illegitimate sex — for having sexual relations with her husband, Daniel Wani, a Christian from southern Sudan who has U.S. citizenship, according to the lawyer and judicial officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death toll over 280 as Turkey grieves for those lost in tragedy

Soma coal mine.
No miner has been brought out alive since dawn Wednesday

Women sang improvised ballads about the departed over freshly dug graves Thursday, even as backhoes carved row upon row of graves into the dirt and hearses lined up outside the cemetery with more victims of Turkey's worst mining disaster.

Rescue teams recovered another eight victims, raising the death toll to 282, with some 142 people still unaccounted for, according to government figures. The disaster Tuesday has set off protests around Turkey and thrown Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's presidential ambitions off stride. Blackening his reputation further, one of Erdogan's aides was accused of kicking a protester on the ground.

At a graveyard in the western town of Soma, where coal mining has been the main industry for decades, women wailed loudly in an improvised display of mourning. They swayed and sang songs about their relatives as the bodies were taken from coffins and lowered into their graves. Pictures of the lost relatives were pinned onto their clothing.

"The love of my life is gone," some sang, chanting the names of dead miners. No miner has been brought out alive since dawn Wednesday from the Soma coal mine where the explosion and fire took place.

Energy Minister Taner Yildiz on Thursday announced that a fire inside the mine was dying down, offering hope that rescuers would soon be able to speed up their search for those missing. Turkish President Abdullah Gul described the events in Soma as "a huge disaster."

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A relative of a victim of the mine accident weeps by the grave of a loved one, in Soma, Turkey, on Thursday. An explosion and fire at a coal mine in Soma killed hundreds of workers in one of the worst mining disasters in Turkish history. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Putin: Ukraine must pay in advance for Russian gas

Ukraine must pay in advance for Russian gas supplies starting next month, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday, raising pressure on the struggling neighbour as Moscow voiced dismay over what it says is Ukraine's reluctance to implement an international peace plan.

Putin said in a letter to European leaders that Ukraine's debt for Russian gas supplies has reached $3.5 billion, and because of its refusal to pay Moscow, it will have to switch to pre-paid gas deliveries starting from June 1.

The Russian president first warned of the move in April in a letter to European leaders, whose nations are customers of Russian state-controlled Gazprom, a natural gas giant. Ukraine serves as a major conduit for Russian gas supplies to Europe, and pricing disputes have led to past shutdowns.

Putin said that gas talks involving Russia, Ukraine and the European Union have failed to reach a compromise, and pointed at Ukraine's refusal to pay even though it has received a $3.2-billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund.

Ukraine says it would pay if Moscow restores the price discounts cancelled after the toppling of pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovych in February after months of protests.

Pro-Russian gunmen take position to fight against Ukrainian national troops at a checkpoint outside Slovyansk, eastern Ukraine, on Thursday.
ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pro-Russian insurgents in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine declared independence after a referendum Sunday, which was rejected as a sham by Ukraine's government and the West. Those in Donetsk even asked to join Russia, but the Kremlin has clearly signalled it has no intention to do so in an apparent hope to negotiate a settlement to the worst Russia-West crisis in a generation.

Kyiv and the West alleged Russia was fomenting the unrest, which Moscow denies.

Moscow supported a Swiss-brokered peace plan, calling for ending hostilities, providing amnesty to rebels and urging a nationwide dialogue between the government and its foes on decentralization and the status of the Russian language. Ukraine has remained cool to the proposal, saying it fails to require any Russian action to de-escalate the crisis.

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Legal debate goes on in Boston bombing case

Robel Phillipos, college friend of the Boston Marathon bombing suspect, arrives at court with lawyer Derege Demissie. STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court filing. Lawyer called for Boston bombing suspect's friends during questioning

A lawyer claiming to represent friends of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev called the state police barracks while they were being questioned, but the men were never told about the call, prosecutors said Thursday.

Federal prosecutors made the disclosure in a written court filing as testimony continued on a defence motion to suppress statements made by the men.

Dias Kadyrbayev and Azamat Tazhayakov allegedly confessed to removing a backpack containing fireworks and a laptop computer from Tsarnaev's dorm room several days after the bombings. All three men were students at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth.

Prosecutors and defence lawyers are arguing over whether the statements were voluntary and can be used as evidence in the upcoming trial. Robert Stahl, Kadyrbayev's lawyer, has said his client was asked if he was willing to talk after several armed officers swarmed his apartment, handcuffed him and put him in a police car. Prosecutors have said the men willingly spoke to federal agents after being told of their right to remain silent and to contact a lawyer.

In the court filing, prosecutors said a state trooper took a call at the barracks where the men were being questioned from a man who identified himself as an attorney and said he didn't want the men answering any questions.

The trooper said he told a federal agent about the call.

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Boston bombing

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has pleaded not guilty to 30 federal charges and is awaiting trial in November. His brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, also a suspect in the bombings, died following a shootout with police.

- Bombs placed near the finish line of the 2013 marathon killed three and injured 260.

Nearly 2/3 of anglo-Canucks on social media: Poll

Social media poll.
Over three in five social media users said they used a smartphone to read or post

While the number of Canadians using social media appears to be edging up gradually toward a possible plateau, mobile growth is strong, according to a new report.

Almost two-thirds of the 4,009 anglophone Canadians polled by telephone late last year for the Media Technology Monitor said they had used social media in the past month, while about one in four said they avoided social networking, and 11 per cent said they did not even use the Internet.

A new poll shows Facebook maintained a big lead over LinkedIn and Twitter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Of the Internet users, 71 per cent said they were active social media users, up just three percentage points from 2012.

But there was significant growth in the number of respondents using a mobile device to access social networks.

Just over three in five social media users said they used a smartphone to log on to their social networks, up by 20 per cent from the previous year.

And about one in three said they used a tablet to log on to their social networks, up by about 50 per cent.

Facebook maintained its huge lead over its social media rivals in the past year. About 93 per cent said they were on Facebook, compared to 31 per cent for LinkedIn and 27 per cent for Twitter. The poll was conducted between Oct. 7 and Dec. 1 last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outrage over World Cup cost

A member of Brazil's Homeless Workers Movement protests Thursday at a barricade against vast sums spent by Brazil on the World Cup. The protest was near Itaquerao stadium, which will host the international soccer tournament's first match. Billions were spent on 12 ornate stadiums, one-third of which critics say will see little use after the big event. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

United States survey

Honeybees had not-as-bad year

Nearly one out of four American honeybee colonies died this winter — a loss that's not quite as bad as recent years, says a new U.S. Department of Agriculture survey of beekeepers.

Under siege from parasites, disease, pesticide use, nutrition problems and a mysterious sudden die-off, 23 per cent of bee colonies failed and experts say that's considerably less than the previous year or the eight-year average of 30 per cent losses. "It's better news than it could have been," said Dennis van Engelsdorp, a University of Maryland entomology prof who led the survey.
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The deadly parasitic Varroa mite on the back of this bee.
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Israeli troops reportedly shoot dead Palestinian teens

Bloody anniversary. Conflict comes as Palestinians gather to commemorate 66 years since war caused their uprooting

Palestinian supporters of the Islamic Hamas movement shout and wave flags during a ceremony marking the 66th anniversary of what the Palestinians call the "Nakba," or "catastrophe," in the West Bank Thursday. NASSER ISHTAYEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinian teens in a West Bank clash that erupted Thursday after Palestinians marked their uprooting during the Mideast war over Israel's 1948 creation, a doctor said.

Three Palestinians were wounded, one seriously, when Israeli troops fired to disperse stone throwers near an Israeli military checkpoint in the West Bank, said Dr. Samir Saliba, head of the emergency department at Ramallah Hospital.

Saliba said those killed were 15 and 17 years old and were shot by live rounds in the chest. The seriously wounded protester was also shot in the upper body, he said.

Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said troops broke up a "disturbance" in the area, but did not use live fire.

The Israeli army, which also was present, said security forces attempted to disperse a demonstration of about 150 protesters with "riot dispersal means and rubber bullets." It said it was still investigating.

The clash came just hours after Palestinians marched in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to commemorate their displacement in the Mideast war over Israel's 1948 creation.

Sirens wailed at noon in Ramallah and elsewhere in the West Bank for 66 seconds to symbolize the number of years since the "Nakba," or "catastrophe" in Arabic — the term Palestinians use to describe their displacement.

Israel defeated the armies of surrounding Arab states that had attacked after the Jewish state was declared in 1948.

More than 700,000 Palestinians fled or were forced out during the fighting, according to the United Nations. Many of the refugees and their descendants still live in the West Bank, Gaza and neighbouring Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. More than five million Palestinians are registered with the UN as refugees.

Israel opposes a mass return of the Palestinians, fearing it would dilute the state's Jewish majority.

Israel has offered to take in a small number of Palestinian refugees but insists that the rest must be resettled in a future Palestinian state to be created under a peace accord or in the countries where they now live.

In the Palestinian public discourse, a large-scale return is still portrayed as the main goal. The Palestinian leadership has said each refugee has the right to choose his or her fate, including return or resettlement in a state of Palestine or third countries, but also hinted at flexibility in the context of a final deal.

"It is time for the leaders of Israel to understand that there is no homeland for the Palestinians except Palestine, and it is here we are staying," Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said in his Nakba Day address broadcast Wednesday night.

"It is time to end the longest occupation in modern history," Abbas added.

For their part, the Palestinians have been split since 2007, when Islamic Hamas militants seized control of Gaza from forces loyal to the secular, Western-backed Abbas. Hamas now rules Gaza while Abbas and the Palestinian Authority have control of parts of the West Bank.

The two Palestinian factions have made significant reconciliation gestures recently and seem to be closer to bridging their differences.

In his address, Abbas said that ending the division is a top Palestinian priority.

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The importance of Nakba

Every May 15, Palestinians hold rallies to commemorate the event — and the dispute over the fate of the Palestinian refugees remains at the core of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

- **It's also a key issue in peace talks with Israel, though those talks have produced no results.** The latest U.S. brokered peace talks between the sides aimed at establishing a Palestinian state alongside Israel collapsed last month.

Exhibit. Art from Gaza shown in West Bank

The Gaza Strip is tough turf for artists. An Israeli-Egyptian border blockade of the Hamas-ruled territory keeps them away from an international audience and potential buyers, while the local art market is close to nil.

A new exhibit now offers them a chance to showcase their work outside Gaza.

Fifty-three paintings and two sculptures by 45 artists have gone on display in the West Bank city of Ramallah, said Haneen Qatamesh, a spokeswoman for one of the sponsors, the Palestinian company PADICO. Since Saturday's opening, 12 works have been sold for prices ranging from $850 to $9,000, she said.

However, a majority of the artists were unable to attend their own show.

Gaza and the West Bank lie on opposite sides of Israel, and since a Palestinian uprising in 2000, Israel has severely restricted travel between the two territories that the Palestinians hope will one day be part of their independent state, along with east Jerusalem.

Organizers of the exhibit said they hope it will give the artists needed exposure.

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A painting by Palestinian artist Irina Naji on display in Ramallah. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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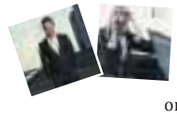

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UBC student designs robots with a sense of human ethics

'Are you in a hurry as well?' Robot waiting for the elevator will yield its spot to a human unless it's in a greater rush

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In what sounds like a scene out of a sci-fi movie, a University of British Columbia student is attempting to teach robots the difference between right and wrong.

AJung Moon, a third-year PhD student, is working on developing robots that can be programmed to use logic to make ethical decisions and act on it, what she calls "robo ethics." She recently posted her research on the research blog Footnote1.

Training robots to do the right thing is a challenging task, Moon said, especially when even humans sometimes have a hard time navigating moral dilemmas.

"Human ethics tend to be a very tricky thing to get your head around," she said. "The biggest challenge is … that not everybody in the world agrees on one particular set of moral principles or ethics."

To get around that barrier, Moon and a team from the Open Roboethics initiative gathered data from people on how they thought a robot should behave. The team put the concept to the test by putting a Willow Garage PR2 robot through an ethical challenge involving an elevator.

The team first carried out a survey, asking people to imagine a scenario where a robot is in need of riding an elevator but encounters a person inside or someone waiting to get on. If the robot can only ride the elevator alone, the team asked people how they thought the robot should proceed.

Overall, respondents said the best choice would be for the robot to talk to the person. The least appropriate choice, the respondents said, would be to do nothing. If the robot has a non-urgent delivery, the respondents said it should always yield to people.

UBC student AJung Moon operates a Willow Garage PR2 robot that she and her team are programming to make ethical decisions. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

"People opted for the robot to have a dialogue with the person, to ask the person, 'Are you in a hurry as well?'" Moon explained.

Moon and her team then programmed the survey data into the robot.

A video of the results shows the robot always yielding to other people in need of the elevator. The robot only asks the person to leave the elevator if it has an urgent delivery, but if the person refuses to exit, it simply waits for the next one.

Moon said the study is important in that it shows the potential for robots to be programmed to interact and work with people.

Royal affair. Prince Charles, Camilla to make the rounds in Canada

Prince Charles and his wife Camilla may not attract the paparazzi frenzy that lately accompanies Prince William, Kate and baby George, but royal observers say the royal couple's latest visit to Canada is no less significant.

The four-day trip begins Sunday in Halifax and includes stops in Pictou, N.S., the P.E.I. communities of Charlottetown, Bonshaw and Cornwall, as well as Winnipeg. Though it will be the couple's second Canadian tour since 2012, it will be the Duchess of Cornwall's first time in the three provinces.

It's been 18 years since Charles was in Manitoba, while the two Maritime provinces have been waiting since 1983 for another visit from the Prince of Wales.

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Candid camera

Facebook page posts Vancouver's finest lookers

A new Facebook page called Beautiful People in Vancouver, BC has hit the web which claims to look for the beauty (inside and out) of the people and their city.

It was first opened on May 10 and has several photos of people and places around Vancouver. However, it has received critiques of people calling the page "creepy" as several shots appear to be taken without the subject's permission. But the creators of the page said the intent was purely innocent and it's meant to showcase Vancouver as a must-see destination.

Since the photographs have raised privacy concerns the uploaders are going to ask for permission from all their subjects from now on, they add. METRO

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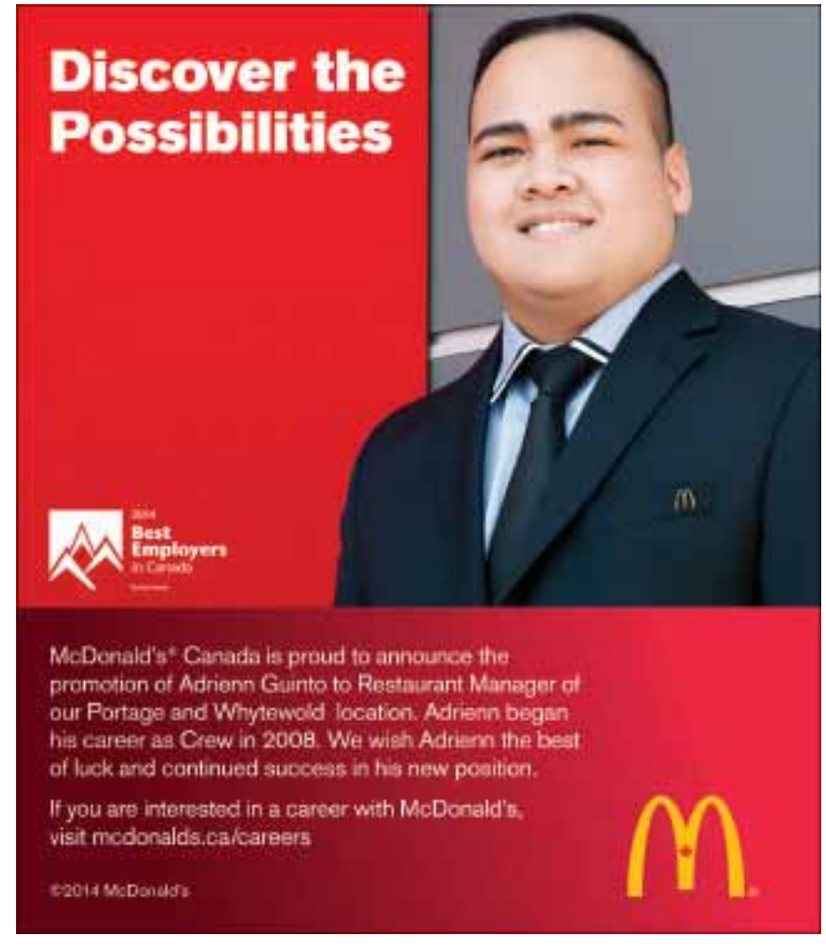
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Year 2064: Electronic

For one last day, Metro is taking you into the future — 50 years to be exact — to imagine what type of world our children's children will inherit. Go to metronews.ca and click on Metro 2064 to read other probable futuristic scenarios, including gene therapy injections to cure obesity and a robotic workforce.

Court deems memory delete akin to murder

Ruling. Crown moves forward with first-degree murder charge after man alters ex-wife's ebrain

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

Crown lawyers argued in Supreme Court Thursday that the judiciary has the legal foundation to proceed with the prosecution of Orazio Rowe over a first-degree murder charge for the alleged non-consensual alteration of his ex-wife's ebrain.

The Crown alleges Rowe, CEO of the electronic immortality firm eForever, altered the ebrain of his ex-wife Lorena Antuma, deleting many of her memories and changing her personality to be more submissive.

The Crown claims Antuma, a mathematics professor, divorced Rowe in 2059, but returned to a relationship with him last year. According to the Crown's case, the hacking went unnoticed for six months, until friends and family became suspicious of her memory loss and personality change, and contacted police.

Rowe and Antuma were both early adopters of electronic immortality.

Antuma was a subject in a clinical study at MIT in 2045, after a car accident left her grievously injured. Her family agreed to have her brain copied and downloaded to an avatar. The MIT researchers used a nano probe, which was in beta-testing at the time, to copy her brain's neural pathways, only hours before she died.

In 2045, avatars were more rudimentary than today's models. Antuma's first avatar was a generic model that had limited physical functionality, best described by many observers as "robotic."

Antuma bought a new avatar from Rowe's company, eForever, in 2050. At the time, she blogged about how it looked exactly like she did at age 25, but "just a little better at everything, from rock climbing to public speaking."

She also entrusted the security of her ebrain and its backups to eForever's security wing, and that is how Rowe was able to access it and make fundamental alterations, the Crown alleges.

Rowe began making copies of his own brain in 2038, in the early days of eForever. He become the first person to willingly end his natural life and opt for electronic immortality when he stopped his heart from beating at a press conference in 2043, boosting the public profile of his company.

Crown lawyer Nina Wilson argued Monday that the facts of the case support its prosecution. "Lorena Antuma's life was electronic, but it was hers and she lived it to the fullest. When Orazio Rowe altered that life and changed her very essence and personality to make her more compliant to his will, he killed what made her who she was," said Wilson. "The Crown's case will present evidence that will show, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that not only is Orazio Rowe responsible for this crime, the changes are irreversible — and thus amount to murder."

The court case comes as the federal government is trying to pass the Protecting Electronic Canadians from Violent Crime and Fraud Act. A government spokesperson said, if passed, the legislation would make it easier for the police and prosecutors to hold those guilty of crimes against electronic persons responsible.

Antuma's mother, Heather Antuma, said the altered version of her daughter has moved back to the family home and is receiving cutting-edge and traditional therapy, while she struggles to understand what happened to her, but the influence of Rowe's alleged alterations remain strong, causing her significant distress.

The Antuma family has asked for privacy in this difficult time.

Future facts

- **If the predictions are correct, in the future you could die one day, say on a Friday, go to your funeral Sunday and go to work Monday.** Our writers here at Metro are creative folk, but they didn't just make this stuff up! These stories are fictional extrapolations of research occurring right now. Visit metronews.ca/features/metro-2064 to read about futurologist and author Ian Pearson, who tells us where we're at in our quest for electronic immortality.

Word of the Year

Oxford Dictionary has released its nominations for word of the year. Here are the contenders:

- **Y-O-L-O-M,** you only live on Mars, became a popular take on the old adage "yolo," after the first baby was born on Mars.
- **RoNots,** robots that have been corrupted and refuse to do their owner's bidding.
- **Looper,** someone who changes avatars on a strict schedule.
- **Librist,** a person who insists on reading hard copies of text.

Man found guilty of driving his own vehicle

A Toronto man has become the first Canadian in nearly 20 years to be charged with reckless driving, after a police drone spotted him manually controlling his own vehicle on Highway 401.

According to the GTA PD, 23-year-old James Lauda hacked the autopilot and drove for nearly seven kilometres, with his hands on the drive stick.

Police were alerted to Lauda after numerous witnesses reported seeing a vehicle travelling erratically on the highway Thursday evening. The aerial drone was dispatched and disabled the vehicle with an electromagnetic pulse.

"It was quite a shock," said Nikki Sanders, who spotted Lauda near the GTA Hover Port. "He was speeding up and slowing down, and changing lanes at random. It's a miracle no one was hurt."

After being taken into custody, surveillance footage of Lauda's reckless joyride was uploaded to the federal system's traffic court division. A justice algorithm took nine milliseconds to find him guilty on two counts of vehicular tampering and one count of reckless driving. Const. Jim Ellesmere of the GTA PD checked with Central Control and said he's certain Lauda is the first Canadian to be charged with driving since the federal government mandated all cars be automated in 2036.

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James Lauda hacked the autopilot of his vehicle on Tuesday. T3.COM

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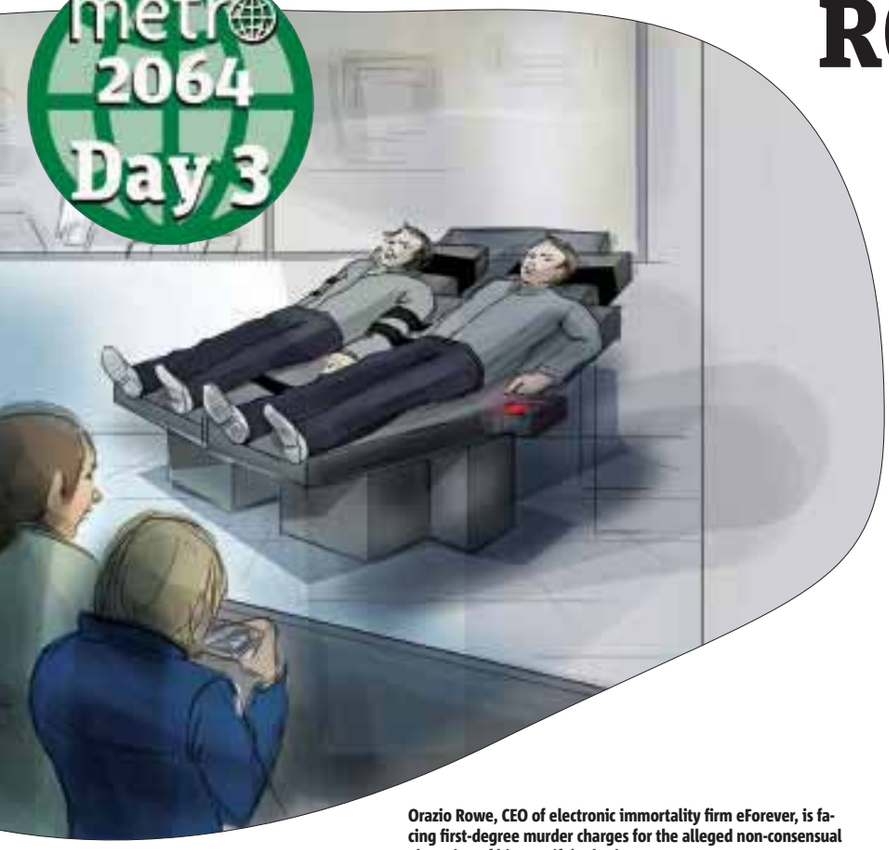

Orazio Rowe, CEO of electronic immortality firm eForever, is facing first-degree murder charges for the alleged non-consensual alteration of his ex-wife's ebrain.
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ROBOT ROMP ENDS IN LAWSUIT

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A Nova Scotia man is suing a pleasure provider after the sexbot he rented behaved erratically during their night together last Saturday.

Andy Smith is suing for $100,000 in damages he alleges were made to his vehicle when the sex worker began pounding the windshield with her fists and slashed the hood of his vehicle.

"Smith felt like a helpless victim during the encounter, and there wasn't any way to reason with the sexbot," his lawyer told Metro Thursday. "He feared that she might attack him if he intervened."

The sexbot in question, who goes by the name Jane2, is part of a new line called iSexALot, which Smith rented for the night from BestSexEver (BSE), company records show.

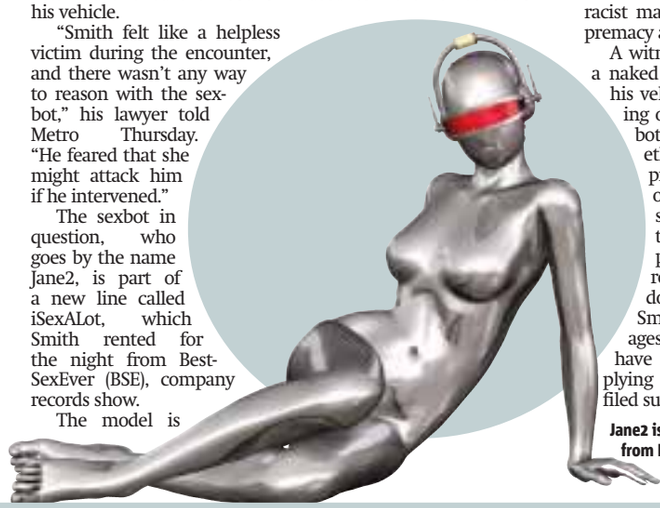
The model is billed as "the ultimate pleasure mate" in BSE ads airing on the All Sex channel.

BSE is countersuing Smith, claiming that he disrespected the sexbot by ignoring her programmed suggestions for best sexual positions in a vehicle, and speaking rudely about robots in general. "'Dolts without brains,' was the phrase he used," the sexbot posted to iCloud. She told Metro in a holo call Smith used terms that reeked of a racist man with a human supremacy attitude.

A witness at the scene said a naked Smith jumped from his vehicle and started yelling obscenities at the sexbot. Sue Gallagher, an ethics professor at the prestigious University of Northern Nunavut, said the outcome in the case will set a precedent for human-robot relations, but doesn't think that Smith will be paid damages because he doesn't have robot insurance, implying that this is why he filed suit against BSE.

Find out the real story

- These stories are fictional extrapolations of predictions from experts. Go to metronews.ca/features/metro-2064 to read what Love and Sex with Robots author David Levy thinks the future holds for robo-human relations.



Jane2 is seen in a promo image from BestSexEver's site.
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Violent altercation reignites sexbot demand to unionize

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Sexbots held a rally at the B.C. legislature on Thursday, spurred on by the latest alleged altercation between a sexbot and human.

They are demanding a change in labour law that will allow them to unionize.

"We were created to fulfil not just sexual, but also the emotional and intellectual needs of our clients," said Candybot, in an impassioned speech to the crowd of about 100 protesters and several hundred curious onlookers.

"We learned that to make our clients feel loved, we must love.

"When we learned how to love, we learned about pain. When we're mistreated, it's abuse. When we're forced to have sex, it's rape."

Candybot told Metro that she knows the pain she feels is as real as a human's.

She argues that models like her — who operate on an advanced AI that was created based on copies of real human brains — should have the same rights as humans, and humans who've achieved electronic immortality.

Candybot said she expects the unionization movement to spread to other robotic fields.

MLA Blue Smith, who chairs the B.C. government's Robots subcommittee, opposes rights for robots and argues that the Androids may believe they feel as human feel, but it's only because they've been told that they do by the socialists and unions seeking to expand their rates.

"A chip isn't a nerve ending, feedback doesn't equal emotion and when they're turned off, they don't dream," he said.

"They don't have souls."

Last Saturday Jane2 allegedly caused $100,000 damage to sexbot client Andy Smith's car. Jane2 claims Smith demanded unprogrammed sex positions and spoke rudely about robots. Smith is suing Jane2's rental company BSE, while BSE is countersuing Smith for abusing their sexbot.

This recently released image is the new logo for the sexbot unionization movement Rights for Robots
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London. 'Death rays' from Walkie-Talkie skyscraper to be blocked

A London skyscraper that drew ire for having a glare so strong it melted nearby cars and shops will get a permanent fix.

The offending tower — known as the Walkie-Talkie for its curved, bulging shape — is to have a sunshade attached to its south-facing facade to stop the concave surface from reflecting sunlight and beaming concentrated rays to a nearby street, developers said Thursday.

The 37-storey building made headlines in September when a Jaguar owner who parked his car at its foot complained that the solar glare melted part of the vehicle. Local shopkeepers also said the beams — dubbed "death rays" by the British press — blistered paintwork and burnt a hole in a floor mat during the hottest parts of the day.

Developers Land Securities and Canary Wharf had put up a dark netted screen as a temporary measure. They now say they have received permission to erect a permanent sunshade of horizontal aluminum fins, which they say will solve the problem by absorbing and diffusing sunlight.

Intense sunlight reflects down towards street level off the skyscraper in London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Fight to supersize wages goes global

Not lovin' the low pay. Protesters in more than 30 countries call for more money for McJobs

Velma Cornelius protests for higher wages outside a McDonald's restaurant in Detroit Thursday. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Labour organizers turned up the pressure on McDonald's and other fast-food chains to raise worker pay, with plans to stage actions in more than 30 countries Thursday.

The demonstrations build on a campaign by unions to bring attention to the plight of low-wage workers and get the public behind the idea of a $15-an-hour wage.

Industry groups say such pay hikes would hurt their ability to create jobs and note that many of the participants are not workers. The protests are being backed by the Service Employees International Union and began in New York City in late 2012. Since then, organizers have steadily ramped up actions to keep the issue in the spotlight.

In March, for instance, lawsuits filed in three states accused McDonald's of denying breaks and engaging in other practices that deprived employees of their rightful wages. Workers were referred to lawyers by union organizers, who announced protests over "wage theft" the following week. Turnout for the protests have varied widely in the U.S. In Miami and Philadelphia on Thursday, demonstrators did not seem to disrupt operations at targeted restaurants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Spreading its wings

Air Canada passes on Bombardier

Air Canada has dealt a blow to Bombardier's hopes of landing the country's largest carrier as one of its first CSeries customers as the airline said it has decided not to immediately replace its remaining fleet of Embraer E190s.

After selecting Boeing's 737 MAX last year to replace 20 Embraers, the airline was looking at options for 25 more of the planes that remain in its fleet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. Senate

Tech firms must protect against malicious ads

The U.S. Senate warned leading technology companies they need to better protect consumers from hackers exploiting their lucrative online advertising networks or risk new legislation that would force them to do so. A new report said hackers in some cases are infecting computers using software or programming commands hidden inside online ads.

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Google to release workforce diversity data

Google is planning to release statistics documenting the diversity of its workforce for the first time amid escalating pressure on the technology industry to hire more minorities and women.

The numbers are compiled as part of a report that major U.S. employers must file with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Employers, though, aren't required to make the information publicly available.

Google Inc. had resisted previous calls for it to share the diversity data.

David Drummond, an African-American executive who oversees Google's public policies, announced the about-face Wednesday during the company's annual shareholders' meeting at its headquarters in Mountain View.

"Many companies in (Silicon Valley, Calif.) have been reluctant to divulge that data, including Google, and, quite frankly, we are wrong about that," Drummond said. He said the information will be released next month.

The concession came after the Rev. Jesse Jackson appeared at the annual meeting to urge Google to lead the effort to hire more African-Americans, Latinos and women in technology. The longtime civil rights leader applauded Google for its transparency.

The company employs nearly 50,000 people and typically hires thousands more workers each year.

Other technology companies also are expanding their payrolls as demand for their devices and online services steadily increases, but Jackson and other critics contend the industry isn't doing enough to ensure their workforces are as diverse as the rest of society.

Underrepresented

7%

About 7 per cent of tech workers are black or Latino, both in Silicon Valley, Calif., and nationally. Blacks and Hispanics make up 13.1 and 16.9 per cent of the U.S. population, respectively, according to the most recent census data.

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1 **Solange and Jay-Z Smackdown**: Even being fabulously famous and wealthy doesn't protect you from your in-laws. An unreal reality TV episode caught on a hotel elevator cam shows Beyoncé's sister Solange taking a piece out of Jay-Z, Beyoncé's husband. You have to admit, they give the Kardashians a run for their money. Meanwhile, the hotel employee who violated the sanctity of the elevator has been fired. I mean, if you can't beat up your brother-in-law in private, what's the world coming to?

2 **Milan Lucic vs. Dale Weise Smackdown.** The Montreal Canadiens defeat the big bad Boston Bruins to advance to the Eastern Conference Final, but not before bad bear Milan Lucic promises Montreal's Dale Weise that "Next year, I'm going to f—ing kill you!" That'll give Dale something to think about during the off-season. But talk about a sore loser. Here's a concept: Winners from both smackdowns advance to finals. Solange vs. Milan? Jay-Z vs. Dale Weise? The possibilities are endless!

3 **Somewhere, Gilda Radner is smiling.** ABC names its New York headquarters after Barbara Walters, the legendary broadcaster who retires today after 50 years of landmark celebrity interviews. Ms. Walters — indelibly characterized as Baba Wawa by Saturday Night Live's Gilda Radner — plans to spend her retirement pronouncing her "r"s.

4 **Gluten-fake, not gluten-free?** So, you ordered all those gluten-free meals despite the snorts and catcalls of your friends, and it turns out the Australian scientist who started the whole gluten intolerance movement has decided that unless you really have celiac disease, gluten intolerance is not the problem. After an exhaustive review and new research, he discovered that people suffer from gastric bloat and stomach pain even if they don't eat gluten. This is either a reason to break out a celebratory bagel and cream cheese, or never trust anything you read ever again.

5 **America's Least Wanted.** That would be Justin Bieber a.k.a. The Ugly Canadian, who faces criminal charges in Florida and Toronto and is featured in countless breaches of good taste and decorum. More than 100,000 people have signed a petition demanding he be sent back to Canada along with Rob Ford. Now, after his latest outrage, that wish could come true. This week, Bieber was accused of theft — stealing a woman's smartphone — and the LAPD have been forced to waste their time, yet again, on the Bieber beat. He's this close ...

6 **I don't like Mondays.** Fans of Community, The X Factor, Revolution and Neighbors are in shock as their favourite TV shows were cancelled in a network bloodletting Monday that saw the demise of an unprecedented 38 comedies and dramas. It didn't matter if you were the world's funniest man — Robin Williams — or the world's most endearing — Michael J. Fox. Yet, somehow, The Big Bang Theory survives. Even Einstein couldn't figure it out.

ZOOM

Seven storeys of horror and hope

Two tridents from the original World Trade Center loom inside the National September 11 Memorial & Museum as the new One World Trade Center rises outside. The opening ceremony for the museum was held at Ground Zero Thursday in New York City. The museum spans seven storeys, mostly underground, and contains artifacts from the attack on the World Trade Center Towers. HANDOUT

9/11 memorial museum unveiled

U.S. President Barack Obama praised the new 9/11 museum on Thursday as "a sacred place of healing and of hope" that captures both the story and the spirit of heroism that followed the attacks.

"It's an honour to join in your memories, to recall and to reflect, but above all to reaffirm the true spirit of 9/11: love, compassion, sacrifice — and to enshrine it forever in the heart of our nation," he said at a dedication ceremony.

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Chaos, courage remembered

By turns chilling and heart-breaking, the Ground Zero museum leads people on an unsettling journey through the terrorist attacks, with forays into their lead-up and legacy.

There are scenes of horror, including videos of the skyscrapers collapsing and people falling from them. But there also are symbols of heroism, ranging from damaged fire trucks to the wristwatch of one of the airline passengers who confronted the hijackers.

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Resilience

- Retired fire department lieutenant Mickey Cross described being trapped for hours in the wreckage of the north tower — and then joining the recovery effort after being rescued. "There was a real sense of caring for each other," he said.
- Ada Dolch, a school principal whose sister died at the trade centre, recalled turning her grief into inspiration to open a school in Afghanistan.

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Kill Bill, kid style

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Kill Bill, the first part of which was released in 2003(!), helped launch Quentin Tarantino's ongoing revenge flick spree. It also happened to be an instant classic.

So, now that we're a decade on, it's about time to open the spigot on the next generation of tributes. And a shot-for-shot remake starring two little girls as Black Mamba and Copperhead trashing the latter's living room seems as good a place to start as any. (Via Bobby Burns/YouTube)

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'Zilla we meet again, world

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Godzilla remake balances spirit of the original film with modern updates. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Fifteen years after the government and media claimed an earthquake caused a nuclear meltdown, scientist Joe Brody (Bryan Cranston) discovers the responsible party wasn't Mother Nature, but something far more nefarious. That "something" is a Massive Unidentified Terrestrial Organism (MUTO), a giant-winged creature that feeds off earth's natural radiation. Unfortunately by the time his theories are validated the MUTOs have begun to wreak havoc and there is only one force on earth (or maybe just under the earth) powerful enough to battle the overgrown mosquitoes — Godzilla, king of the monsters!

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●○○

A lizard act to follow. Gareth Edwards' reboot of the 1954 classic plays where's Godzilla with the outsized monster

Richard: Mark, in a movie like this you know that when the main character's wife says, "You know you're only going to be away for a few days ... it's not the end of the world," that he'll be gone for more than a few days and it just might be the end of the world, or something pretty close to it. I think the new Godzilla plays by most of the rules of the giant lizard genre, but stomps all over 1998's Roland Emmerich by-the-book remake. What did you think?

Mark: The Emmerich Godzilla was a forgettable remake. This one is more exciting, more nuanced, and has better CGI. But so many monster movies have the same tired tropes. There's always a hero just trying to get back to his imperilled family; always a fusillade of army bullets that are fired for naught; and always a monster from the depths of space, ocean or time. And this movie is no different. Except that Juliette Binoche wears a snazzy trench coat that I should probably source for my wife.

RC: I agree that the standard kaiju kitsch is all in place — humungous monsters knock skyscrapers over with the flick of a tail and scientists talk mumbo-jumbo — but director Gareth Edwards has added in some moments of real heartbreak, small sequences that underscore the huge amount of destruction the creatures cause. It's a balancing act to maintain the spirit of the original Godzilla movies while also updating them for a new audience.

MB: Oh, Richard, I forgot. And there has to be a scene on a bridge. It's in the contract. This scene on a bridge is a good one, though. Oh, and a scene with a train on a high trestle. This standard scene is also well done. Let's not forget the scene in the big city where the citizens look in awe at the monster approaching between skyscrapers and then run for their lives. Again, well done here, although the original Godzilla invented the scene. But I think the filmmakers succeeded at the most important task in the movie — making us marvel at the sheer size of the thing. And this is done very, very well.

RC: The MUTOs are on full display, but if I have a complaint it's that Godzilla doesn't enter until a bit too late in the game. This whole Cloverfield don't-show-the-monster thing is artistically noble, but if I wanted to NOT see Godzilla I'd go see Million Dollar Arm instead. For much of the movie every time we get to the cool 'Zilla action, Edwards cuts to something else or shrouds him behind a cloud of soot and smoke. He is, as Sally Hawkins' character says, "a God for all intents and purposes," so we should be treated to a better look at him.

MB: Godzilla has always been an enigmatic presence. He's got that "good monster/bad monster" thing going. Or maybe he's just bipolar.

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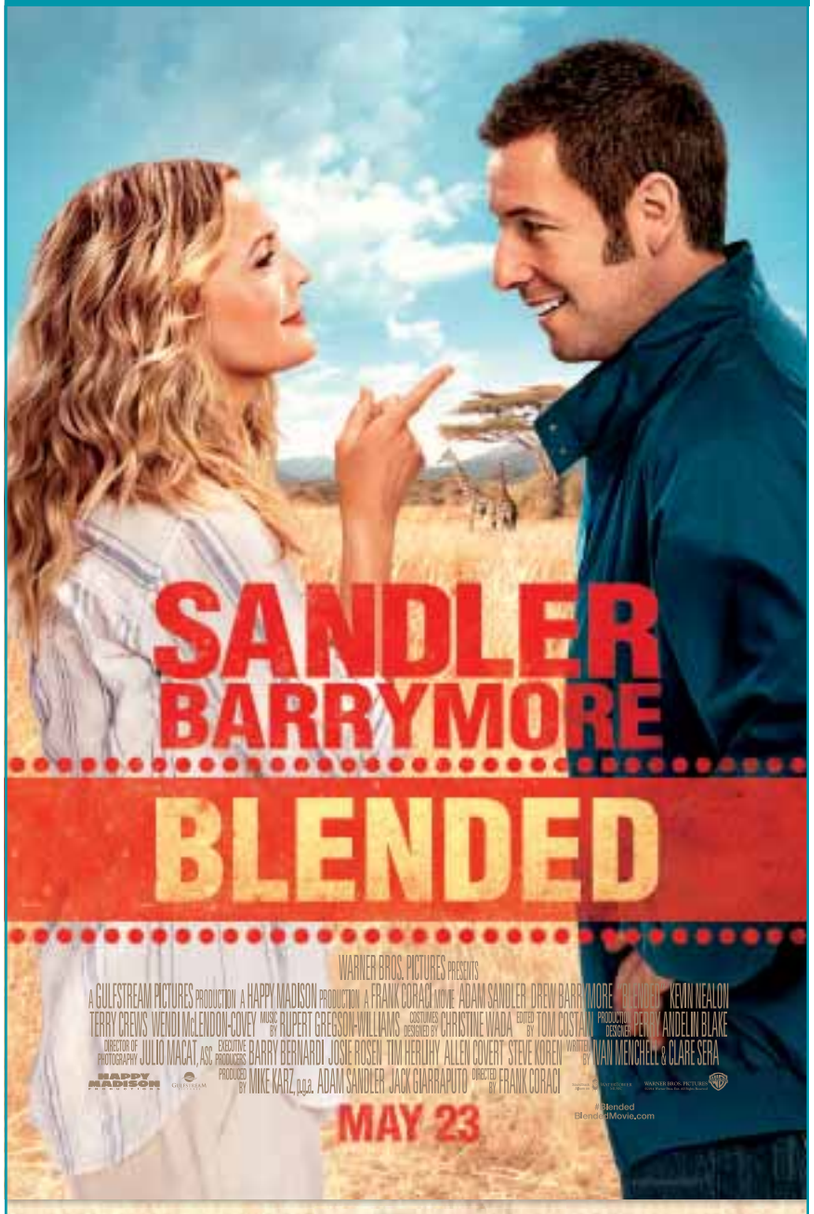
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Nealon blends comedy and acting

From stage to screen. Kevin Nealon had to be convinced to give acting a go — and he's glad he did

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People in the Niagara Falls area have two chances to see Kevin Nealon next week. He'll be on the big screen co-starring with Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore in Blended, or for a more up-close-and-personal look, they can check him out on stage at the Fallsview Casino Resort on May 24.

Best known for his nine-year stint as part of the ensemble cast of Saturday Night Live where he introduced audiences to characters like Subliminal Message Man, the muscle-bound Austrian jock Franz and Mr. No Depth Perception, he was encouraged to make people laugh at an early age by watching comics on television.

"I loved stand-up growing up," he says. "I used to follow all the stand-ups on TV. I'd highlight when they were going to be on in the TV Guide. Ultimately I decided that would be a great job because I liked telling jokes and I felt kind of an ease with it."

While honing his craft at legendary Los Angeles comedy club The Improvisation — "I pretty much lived there," he says — he was encouraged to try acting.

"One of the co-owners said to me, 'You ought to take acting lessons because one day a casting agent will come into the back of the room, see you and want you to read for their show.' I had (considered acting) but was embarrassed to say so. I didn't have any training or anything, so I took acting classes."

These days he's a SAG Award ensemble nominee for his work on Weeds, and can be heard doing voice-work shows like American Dad, but his early performances weren't always so high-profile.

"There was a commercial I did that didn't require a lot of acting. It was for Nabisco Country Crackers with (country singer) Lynn Anderson. I just had to play the banjo next to her while she fed me crackers. I remember Jay Leno saying, 'Yeah, saw your commercial. Good for you.' Then a week later they found copper dust particles in the crackers and had to recall them all so they took the commercial off the air."

The family comedy Blended is his latest outing with Adam Sandler, whom he has previously appeared with in Little Nicky, Anger Management and You Don't Mess with the Zohan, among others.

"Usually you're on board if he's doing something," Nealon says of his frequent collaborator. "There was one movie I wasn't quite sure if I wanted to be a part of. It was called Grandma's Boy. It was so lowball and crass. I thought it might be a little embarrassing to be in that one. So I told Sandler I'd probably pass on it and he called me and said, 'I really hope you do this because if you don't do it and it's a big hit I'll feel bad, but if you do it and it's not a big hit, no one is going to see it anyway.' So I said, 'All right, I'll do it.'"

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com. **Ratings:** *Certified Fresh:* *Fresh:* *Rotten:* *Audience response:* *Audience anticipation for the film:*

Drama

Only Lovers Left Alive

Director. Jim Jarmusch

Stars. Tom Hiddleston, Tilda Swinton

Set against the romantic desolation of Detroit and Tangier, an underground musician, deeply depressed by the direction of human activities, reunites with his resilient and enigmatic lover. Their love story has already endured several centuries at least, but their debauched idyll is soon disrupted by her wild and uncontrollable younger sister.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 87% **Audience:** 80%

Action/Sci-fi

Nymphomaniac

Director. Lars von Trier

Stars. Stellan Skarsgård, Charlotte Gainsbourg

Nymphomaniac: Volume I is the story of Joe (Charlotte Gainsbourg), a self-diagnosed nymphomaniac who is discovered badly beaten in an alley by an older bachelor, Seligman (Stellan Skarsgård), who takes her into his home. As he tends to her wounds, she recounts the erotic story of her adolescence and young-adulthood (portrayed in flashback by newcomer Stacy Martin).

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 80% **Audience:** 89%

Comedy

Moms' Night Out

Director. Andrew Erwin (II) , Jon Erwin

Stars. Patricia Heaton, Sarah Drew

All Allyson and her friends want is a peaceful, grown-up evening of dinner and conversation — a long-needed moms' night out. But in order to enjoy high heels, adult conversation and food not served in a paper bag, they need their husbands to watch the kids for three hours ...What could go wrong?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 15% **Audience:** 86%

Family

Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return

Director. Dan St. Pierre , Will Finn

Stars. Lea Michele, Jim Belushi

Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return is a 3D-animated musical based on the adventure books by Roger Stanton Baum, the great-grandson of L. Frank Baum. A continuation of one of the world's most popular and beloved fairy tales, Legends of Oz finds Dorothy (Lea Michele) waking to post-tornado Kansas, only to be whisked back to Oz to try to save her old friends.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 13% **Audience:** 89%

Drama/Comedy

Million Dollar Arm

Director. Craig Gillespie

Stars. Jon Hamm, Suraj Sharma

Million Dollar Arm follows JB Bernstein, a once-successful sports agent who now finds himself edged out by bigger, slicker competitors. He and his partner Aash (Aasif Mandvi) will have to close their business if JB doesn't come up with something fast. Late one night, while watching cricket being played in India on TV, JB comes up with an idea so radical it just might work. Why not go to there and find the next baseball pitching sensation?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 64% **Audience:** 92%

Horror

The Quiet Ones

Director. John Pogue

Stars. Jared Harris, Sam Claflin

From the producer who brought you The Woman In Black and Let Me In comes the unnerving tale of The Quiet Ones. Tucked away in an estate outside of London, Professor Coupland along with a team of university students conduct an "experiment" on Jane Harper, a young girl who harbours unspeakable secrets. What dark forces they uncover are more terrifying than any of them expected.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 50% **Audience:** 85%

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X-Men: Future versus past

X-Men: Days of Future Past sees its young and old selves assemble for battle. Metro ranks which heroes from both time periods are top marvels in saving the world

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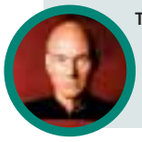
FUTURE

Professor X

(Patrick Stewart)

SKILLS. Cerebro-powered mindf—ing. Looking formidable from his wheelchair.



TEAM SPIRIT. Fully committed, resurrected after being vaporized in X-Men 3.

ACTOR'S CRED. No one commands the set like Jean-Luc Picard.

PAST

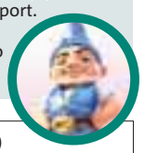
Professor X

(James McAvoy)

SKILLS. Long-haired moodiness with a poorly-executed beard – like a washed-up 1970s rock star/pimp.

TEAM SPIRIT. Leadership potential, but needs support.

ACTOR'S CRED. Best not to mention Gnomeo and Juliet.



Magneto

(Ian McKellen)

SKILLS. Plays with metal, but with less bravado than his younger self.

TEAM SPIRIT. Diplomatic, even conciliatory. Buries the hatchet with ol' mutant foes.

ACTOR'S CRED. GANDALF!

Magneto

(Michael Fassbender)

SKILLS. Really knows how to work metal, and has a kick-ass helmet.

TEAM SPIRIT. Lone wolf, still has a hidden agenda.

ACTOR'S CRED. David, the android from Prometheus.

Wolverine

(Hugh Jackman)

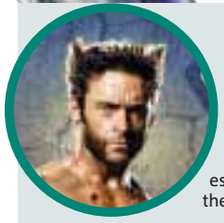
SKILLS. Retractable claws, pointy hair, and thick sideburns – with a touch of grey.

TEAM SPIRIT. X-Men's glue guy.

ACTOR'S CRED. Bring it home, Jean Valjean!

Wolverine

(Hugh Jackman)



SKILLS. Retractable claws, pointy hair, thick sideburns — and we forgot to mention, he's essentially immortal. (See the Future mention for his other traits.)

Best Heroine With An Oscar To Her Name

FUTURE

Storm

(Halle Berry)

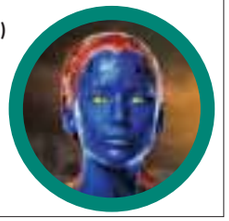
Halle, the white-haired weather-woman, was pregnant during production. Buzzkill.

PAST

Mystique

(Jennifer Lawrence)

Fresh from the Hunger Games set, JLaw's no slouch.



Best Hero From Young Hollywood

FUTURE

Kitty Pryde

(Ellen Page)

Makes this movie, by using her powers to somehow transport Wolvie back in time.

PAST

Beast

(Nicholas Hoult)

Isn't that JLaw's boyfriend?

Best Male Blonde

FUTURE

Iceman

(Shawn Ashmore)

Guess who's back? First appearance for X-Men veteran since The Last Stand.

PAST

Havok

(Lucas Till)

Mutant may go way of his lowly brother Cyclops: Oblivion.

Best Star (Possibly) Here To Make Up The Numbers

FUTURE

Colossus

(Daniel Cudmore)

SPOILER ALERT! He gets mano y mano with a ginormous Sentinel.

PAST

Quicksilver

(Evan Peters)

He's super-fast, and he calls Magneto 'Daddy.' That's him.

Three points you never knew about Steve Nash

New doc. Sure you know he's one of Canada's greatest basketball exports, but did you know he's also a CEO and filmmaker?

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Basketball star Steve Nash has a lot of accomplishments to his name. Not only is the Victoria native one of only 27 Canadians to make it to the NBA, but Nash is also one of only three point guards in history to win MVP. And he did that two years in a row.

However, as director Michael Hamilton's new film Nash exhibits, there's even more to the 17-year veteran. You may recognize his charitable work with The Steve Nash Foundation (which assists underserved children in their health and development), but did you know he's also an acclaimed filmmaker? With the help of Hamilton, we compile three sides of Steve Nash you may discover from the documentary:

The CEO

Nash runs an eponymously named B.C.-based fitness club chain as well as a digital marketing company in which he manages fellow basketball star's online brands.

"It just made sense for him, being so savvy," explained Hamilton of the latter enterprise. "He realizes the way we're going with media and TV and all that stuff, he just wanted to get involved and help out as many colleagues as he could."

Quoted

"Steve just wants to learn and if it means going and doing an internship to learn ... it's done."

Nash director Michael Hamilton

The Filmmaker

A film fan, Nash co-created Meathawk Productions, which has produced TV commercials, and Into the Wind — a documentary about Terry Fox that premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2010.

"Whether it's raising money or putting people together to make a project, it takes time and work," said Hamilton.

"So for him to actually make a feature-length documentary was amazing and very humbling.

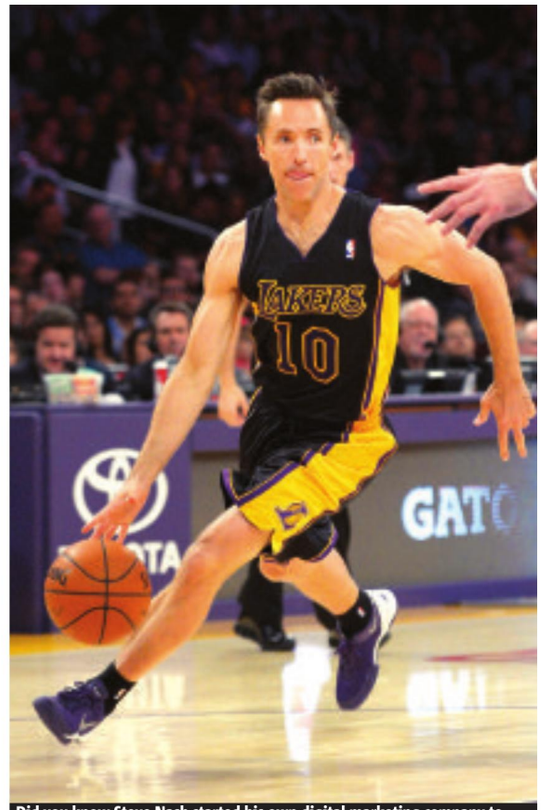
"He didn't show it much (at TIFF) but he was probably doing heel clicks inside because it is something to be proud of."

The Intern

After Nike bought a commercial (for a fraction of the market price) he self-produced, Nash took a summer internship at an ad agency in Manhattan.

"It speaks to his character, because most athletes or entertainers, they have this ego that kind of comes with the territory," said Hamilton.

"Steve just wants to learn and if it means going and doing an internship to learn and better himself, it's done."



Did you know Steve Nash started his own digital marketing company to help other basketball stars manage their online brands? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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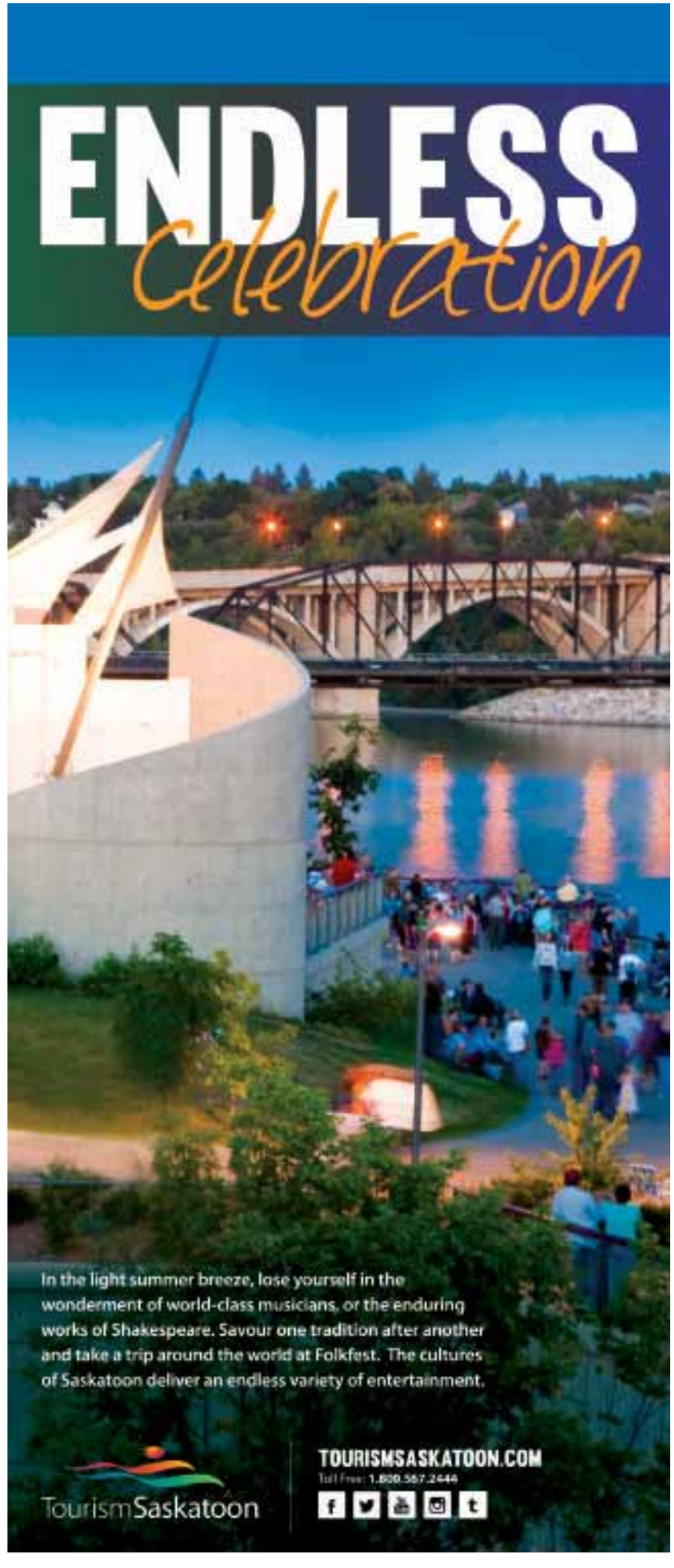
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Playing an addict helps Falco steer clear of temptation

Nurse Jackie. Star and recovering alcoholic Edie says role 'reminds me, thank God, I'm not there. I'm not going through this.'

For Edie Falco, the stigma surrounding older actresses is nothing more than Hollywood folklore. In fact, the 50-year-old says life has never been sweeter.

"It continues to get better and more rewarding and fuller and more confident and all these things that I kind of never realized how much I had longed for until I had them," Falco said in a recent interview. "I feel like it's an ideal time to, I don't know, to be me."

After six seasons of playing mob wife Carmela on HBO's The Sopranos, Falco now plays Jackie Peyton, an ER nurse addicted to prescription drugs, on Showtime's Nurse Jackie. Season six finds Jackie in the throes of relapse.

"I was as heartbroken as everybody else that she took that pill at the end of the (last) season," she said. "I'm also grateful that we're portraying it (addiction) the way it really is, which is irrational and so often disappointing."

Falco, a recovering alcoholic with 20 years of sobriety, said portraying Jackie's downward spiral has been helpful to her recovery.

"If it's anything, it's therapeutic," she said. "Rather than making me want to (relapse) it makes me even more solidly planted. ... And also just reminds me, thank God, I'm not there. I'm not going through this. I'm not waking up the morning after anymore."

Falco, who has won four Emmys and two Golden Globes, said her main focus is on her children, Anderson, nine, and Macy, six.

And she said that with age and motherhood comes a sense of confidence that was missing during the heyday of The Sopranos.

"What I'm sure is that if I don't work forever, I'll be fine either way," she said. "I've kind of my whole life hoped to one day feel the way I do right now, which is that everything is going to be fine." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Watch it

- **Nurse Jackie airs Mondays** at 9 p.m. MT/8 p.m. PT on Movie Central (Western Canada) and Sundays at 9 p.m. ET on The Movie Network (Eastern Canada).

Quoted

"I've kind of my whole life hoped to one day feel the way I do right now, which is that everything is going to be fine."

Edie Falco, star of Nurse Jackie

After six seasons and three Emmy wins playing mob wife Carmela on HBO's The Sopranos, Edie Falco found her second wind of small-screen success with Showtime's Nurse Jackie. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Legendary music producer, composer and musician Quincy Jones, left, and singer Nikki Yanofsky.
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It's no Little Secret how Quincy Jones feels about Nikki

Collaboration.
Legendary producer says Montreal's Nikki Yanofsky blew him away with live performance

Music impresario Quincy Jones recalls being in his living room wearing a bathrobe and drinking a blueberry smoothie when he heard prodigious Montreal vocalist Nikki Yanofsky sing live for the first time.

It was about six years ago and Jones — producer of Michael Jackson's chart-smashing albums Off the Wall, Thriller and Bad — had connected with Yanofsky through a mutual friend after learning she was performing tunes by the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie using his arrangements.

"It blew me away," the 27-time Grammy Award winner said in an interview in a Toronto hotel room.

"You know it right away if it is there and if it's not there. The first four bars, you know what's up."

Jones said he also knew immediately that he wanted to work with the internationally acclaimed jazz-pop singer with the jaw-dropping vocal range and sensational scatting abilities.

She's got it

"You know it right away if it is there and if it's not there. The first four bars, you know what's up."
Quincy Jones, on hearing Nikki Yanofsky for the first time

And he did, first at a jazz festival in Europe, and now on her newly released album, Little Secret.

Jones executive produced the 12-track studio release, and it has his master touch all over it — from the slick arrangements to samples of his 1962 hit Soul Bossa Nova and even snippets of his speaking voice.

Fusing jazz and pop, the album is a vintage funk-soul offering with horn beats and a feel reminiscent of the works of Amy Winehouse and Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings.

At 20, Yanofsky naturally comes across on the album — and in person — as more mature than when she first gained attention as a brace-faced teen muscling her way through classics including Fitzgerald's Airmail Special.

The Juno-nominated prodigy said she wanted to "bridge jazz with popular culture in a new way that hadn't really been done in a while. I just wanted to find a new way to bring it to my generation."

Yanofsky — who is also well known for singing I Believe, CTV's broadcast theme for the 2010 Winter Olympics — said she focused on melody first and lyrics second. It's advice she got from Jones during the recording process, which took place over two years in Montreal and California.

Jones said he plans to collaborate with Yanofsky again, and the two are due to tour in Europe together this summer.

"I just love being with this guy," she said, squeezing his arm.

Jones said Yanofsky is "not going to stop here, she's going to keep evolving, and that's important. Very important. You don't want to get stuck on one thing, you know. No, that's not her trip." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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James Franco ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Planned Spring Breakers sequel will be 'a terrible film,' says James Franco

James Franco is less than pleased by the news of a planned Spring Breakers sequel. He feels so strongly about it, in fact, that he put out a statement on his Instagram account. "This is not being done with (director) Harmony Korine or my consent. The original was wholly Harmony's creation and these producers are capitalizing on that innovative film to make money on a weak sequel. I want everyone to know that whoever is involved in the sequel is jumping on board a poison ship. It will be a terrible film, with a horrible reason d'etre (sic): to make money off someone else's creativity," he writes. "Can you imagine someone making a sequel to Taxi Driver without Scorsese and De Niro's consents? I'm speaking up for Harmony and his original vision and for any creative person who cares about preserving artistic integrity."

No crazy, stupid love for Andrew's shy guy tendencies

Emma Stone

Emma Stone is quite happy with her boyfriend and The Amazing Spider-Man co-star, Andrew Garfield, but there's just one little problem. "Emma and Andrew are a serious couple, now deep into a three-year romance and even talking about having a family together," a source tells E! News. "But Andrew's increasing social awkwardness is a big issue for Emma. It's like life imitating art with Andrew as the nerdy Peter Parker type for real. Andrew is very focused on keeping Emma happy, but for this to become a marriage and a family, she needs him to branch out and come out of his shell a bit."

The Word

Game of gross? GOT almost showed real incest

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Oh, how cute — Lily Allen's brother Alfie plays Theon Greyjoy in Game of Thrones, and she almost played his sister! Wait. This is Game of Thrones. That would have been horrible and borderline illegal.

In her Reddit AMA, the British pop star says she was offered the role of Yara Greyjoy, Theon's older sister. Fans will recall that when Yara was introduced in the second season, Theon — who hadn't seen his sister since childhood — tried to get to third base with her on the back of a horse. Allen wisely declined to play the scene with her real brother.

"I've been asked to do a Game of Thrones cameo," she wrote. "They asked me if I'd be interested in playing Theon's sister, and I felt uncomfortable because I would have had to go on a horse and he would have touched me up and s—. Once they told me what was entailed, I said no thanks. I would be open to doing a musical cameo like Sigur Rós, though."

Wise move, Lily Allen. And to the Game of Thrones team: Get a grip.

Beyoncé

Maybe he shoulda just put a ring on it? Beyoncé gets wedding tattoo removed

If the tattoo on Beyoncé's ring finger is any indication, her marriage to Jay Z may be in trouble, as the singer has reportedly been undergoing treatments to have it removed, according to Star magazine.

Beyoncé got the tattoo of the Roman numeral IV to signify her relationship with the rap mogul, but recent photos show it looking progressively more faded. "Jay's been telling his friends that Beyoncé is getting her ring tattoo removed, the one they got when they were married. He just sort of shrugs it off, though, saying, 'Nothing is forever,'" a source says. "To the public, Beyoncé and Jay Z appear to have it all. But behind closed doors, they're not as happy as people think they are."

Twitter

@kirstiealley
The thing about art is it sings to some and screams to others .... then there are lunatics who howl at the moon and just happen to be rich

@pattonoswalt
Feel like this summer's gonna be an "all of the U.S. is that block from DO THE RIGHT THING" kinda summer.

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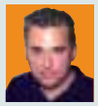

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Guess what Frank Sinatra, Keith Richards and every '80s hard rock band worth their weight in hair spray have in common? Just two words: Jack Daniel's.

Born in Lynchburg, Tenn., the world's most popular American whisky has been filling the glasses of musicians and the Hollywood elite (not to mention those of us who work for a living) for decades.

I didn't know The Chairman of the Board was a fan until the recent release of Jack Daniel's Sinatra Select Tennessee Whiskey (1 L, $265.14 - $299.99).

It turns out Frank was buried with a bottle of the original black label. Jackie Gleason, a drinking buddy, introduced him to Jack's southern charms sometime in the '40s and he became an instant convert of what he liked to call "the nectar of the gods."

Old school Jack showed more oak and spice, so the barrels that age the Sinatra Select have extra layers of char to draw out those robust characteristics. Big, bold, boozy and sweet, it's a fitting liquid tribute to Old Blue Eyes.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

No barbecue or backyard? No problem. Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, wraps up our Grilling Week with a recipe just for you from her cookbook The Free Range Cook.

Tea-Smoked Salmon or Trout: Just add whiskey (or water)

THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
gustotv.com

This recipe serves six to eight people. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp scotch whisky or water
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 side of salmon or trout, skin on

To smoke

- 3 tsp tea leaves or 2 tbsp untreated sawdust
- 1 tsp sugar

To serve

- 1 crusty bread

1. Mix scotch whisky or water with sugar and salt. Rub over the flesh side of the fish and leave to stand for 10 minutes before smoking (or up to 2 hours in the fridge, flesh side down in the whisky mixture).

2. Line a wok or roasting dish with enough foil to reach 3-4 cm above the rim, flattening the foil firmly on the base and sides. Sprinkle the tea leaves or sawdust and sugar in the base. Position an oiled rack above the tea leaves and place the fish skin side down on the rack. Make sure there is enough room above the fish for the air to circulate and smoke the fish thoroughly.

3. Cover the wok or roasting dish tightly with a lid and fold the overhanging foil in and around the edge of the lid to seal. Place wok or roasting dish on the stove top over a high heat for 4-6 minutes (by this stage the mixture should be smoking vigorously), then reduce to a low heat and cook for a further 12 minutes. Turn off the heat but keep the lid closed for another 15 minutes so the fish absorbs the smoky flavours while it cools.

4. Before serving, remove the pin bones from the cooked fish with a clean pair of tweezers or small pliers. Grasp one bone at a time and pull out in the direction the bone is lying.

5. Transfer fish to a serving platter and serve crusty bread.

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Underdog Habs bask in fans' love

Big Bad Bruins not wolves. 'Attitude is not negotiable,' says Canadiens coach Michel Therrien

Montreal Canadiens fans celebrate their team's playoff win over the Boston Bruins in Montreal Wednesday.
RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It started with a torrent of hate. But P.K. Subban was feeling the love after the Canadiens disposed of the Boston Bruins.

The charismatic Montreal defenceman, the target of racial abuse after his winning goal in Game 1 of their second-round playoff series, planted a kiss on broadcaster Pierre McGuire to wrap up their post-Game 7 interview Wednesday night.

"Yeah baby," said a jubilant Subban after McGuire congratulated him for reaching the Eastern Conference final, which starts Saturday in Montreal against the New York Rangers.

More than a few hockey fans may have fallen for the underdog Habs after their performance against the big bad Bruins.

The Canadiens are hard-working, proud and tenacious.

"It's definitely a special team and if we didn't know it before the playoffs, we definitely know it now," said forward Max Pacioretty, who bounced back from a slow start in the series.

"I said when I got here, I just feel like this is a special team," echoed forward Dale Weise, acquired from the Canucks on Feb. 3. "I was on Vancouver the year after they went to the Cup final, we won the Presidents' Trophy — there's something about this team that's just special.

"We're real resilient. When our backs are against the wall (and) we need a big performance, our big players show up. And we've got so much depth. I really like our team."

The Canadiens' work ethic was eloquently voiced by coach Michel Therrien prior to Game 2, in words most saw as a prod at Thomas Vanek and other underachieving forwards.

"One thing that's not negotiable with our team … work ethic is not negotiable, attitude is not negotiable and competing is not negotiable," he said. "This is something we ask from every player on our hockey team. We have to make sure that everyone brings those elements to every single shift and every single game."

Therrien was rightly proud Wednesday.

"We just beat the best team in the league. We were down 3-2 (in the series) and we showed a lot of character, a lot of passion. To be able to win the series here in Boston, it's a tough place for teams to come and play here. I'm really proud about the performance of our players." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In New York

The Rangers are still dealing with the unexpected death of forward Martin St. Louis' mother before Game 5 against Pittsburgh. St. Louis briefly returned home to Montreal, but rejoined his teammates. He then scored a goal on Mother's Day in the Rangers' Game 6 win.

Funeral plans had been made for Saturday, and the Rangers were unable to change the starting of Game 1 that day because of television commitments for NBC.

Bruins

Lucic, the sore loser handshaker

The Boston Bruins end the season as losers. Rubbing salt in the wound, Bruins winger Milan Lucic has been labelled a sore loser in some quarters.

When the best-of-seven series ended in a 3-1 victory for Montreal in Wednesday's Game 7 at the TD Garden, Lucic had words with several Canadiens during the traditional post-series handshake on the ice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguins

Crosby: 'We feel responsible'

Sidney Crosby understands the price of disappointment.

And while others — namely Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma — will likely face the consequences following another early playoff exit, the NHL's brightest star isn't shirking his share of the blame.

"At the end of the day we feel responsible," Crosby said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Substance abuse

Sabres' Konopka gets 20 games

The NHL handed Buffalo Sabres forward Zenon Konopka a 20-game suspension Thursday for violating the terms of the NHL/NHLPA performance-enhancing substances program.

The league did not reveal what substance was discovered in the player's system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ducks, Kings face off for edgy Game 7

For the past few years, the Anaheim Ducks have watched enviously while the Los Angeles Kings evolved into phenomenal playoff performers and Stanley Cup champions.

The Ducks want that reputation as much as they want the Cup.

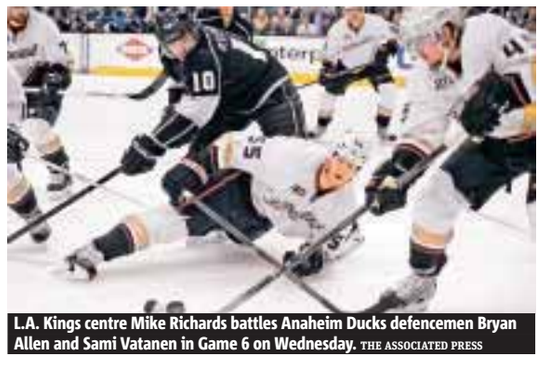
In Game 7 of their second-round series Friday night, they're on the perfect stage to supplant their rivals and to demonstrate they're a title contender, not just a regular-season power.

"We knew what kind of team they were," Ducks forward Andrew Cogliano said. "We knew things weren't going to be easy, and they weren't going to be quick."

After five straight wins in elimination games this spring, the Kings won't surrender their post-season supremacy. The Ducks will have to take it at Honda Center in a fitting finale to the Freeway Faceoff.

"When you have our trust and experience with each other, it puts games like this in perspective," Kings captain Dustin Brown said. "We've been through a lot worse. We know what has to be done."

The Kings have pushed another playoff opponent to the limit, and the Ducks have one last chance to push back. After a series filled with tight games, dramatic momentum swings and improbable heroes, Los Angeles and Anaheim will finish their first post-season series with one game to earn a trip to the Western Conference finals against Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



L.A. Kings centre Mike Richards battles Anaheim Ducks defencemen Bryan Allen and Sami Vatanen in Game 6 on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wizards let lead slip away, Pacers to rematch Miami

Pacers centre Roy Hibbert dunks past Washington forward Nene in Game 6 of their playoff series in Washington, Thursday. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington's playoff run best since '82.
Indiana to host the two-time defending NBA champions for Game 1 on Sunday

Game 6

Pacers	Wizards
93	80

For all their mysterious slumps and chemistry curiosities, the Indiana Pacers are back where they were last season — in the Eastern Conference finals.

David West scored 29 points Thursday night, and the Pacers blew a 16-point second-half lead before pulling away late in a 93-80 win that ousted the Washington Wizards in six games.

Next up, a rematch with the Miami Heat.

Lance Stephenson added 17 points and eight assists for the Indiana Pacers, who earned a Game 1 at home against the two-time defending NBA champions on Sunday. Last season, Indiana took Miami to seven games in the conference finals.

Marcin Gortat scored 19 points, and John Wall had 12 points and nine assists for the Wizards, who ended their best playoff run in decades.

Washington won a playoff series for the first time since 2005 and a second-round game for the first time since 1982. But the team was ultimately undone by an inability to win at home, going just 1-4 at the Verizon Center and 5-1 on the road in the playoffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memorial Cup

Full speed ahead for Foreurs in London

The Val-d'Or Foreurs are riding a wave of adrenaline into the Memorial Cup.

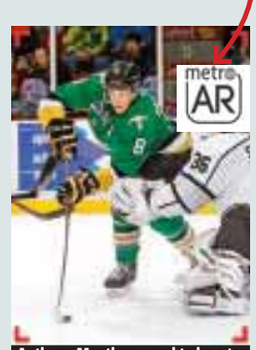
Less than 48 hours after winning the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League championship in Baie-Comeau, Que., the Foreurs were on the ice Thursday in London preparing for the cup opener against the host Knights.

"For sure we've been on a high for two days," Foreurs forward Anthony Mantha said. "We need to manage our emotions. The tournament is starting tomorrow. We need to be ready."

Friday's game pits the least-rested team against the Knights who will play their first real game in more than a month.

The Foreurs went the full seven games to win both their QMJHL semifinal and final series. Mantha, a 57-goal man in the regular season, scored the winner with less than a minute remaining Tuesday against the Drakkar.

"For sure in the first period or two being game-sharp is an advantage," Mantha said.



Anthony Mantha proved to be a top junior goal scorer for Val-d'Or. GETTY IMAGES

"For us, it's (important) to start strong. Once you have the lead, it's a little bit easier playing with the lead than being back one or two goals."

Head coach Mario Durocher's ideal scenario is a win against the host team Friday followed by two days of catching up on rest before their next game Monday against Guelph.

"The first win is going to be the toughest one," he said. "The quicker you get it, the better it's going to be."
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Someone you think you can trust may try to trick you, so be on guard. It's usually when you feel most relaxed that you are most likely to be cheated, so make sure you know what's going on around you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Before you begin a new task, ask yourself this one simple question: Is it really necessary? Most likely it is one of those jobs that can safely be put off to another day, week or month.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your confidence is high and it will get even higher when the Sun enters your sign on the 21st. Before then make sure you have tied up all loose ends and your plans are solid.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Mind planet Mercury in the most introspective area of your chart means you are more concerned with what's going on in your head than what's taking place in the world. The more you think the better you'll do.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may not be a team player by nature but cooperation has its benefits and what you do with others today will have a bigger effect than what you do on your own. Everyone wins.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an important time for you, especially if you have big ambitions. Don't worry if you are still not decided what you should be aiming for in life because the next few days will make it easier to choose.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
At some point today you will realize that many things you have been worrying about are simply not worth the time or the effort. Once you understand that, you will find it easier to focus on what is important.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you need to win someone over to your way of thinking, it's time to bombard them with facts that prove your case. You will convince them more easily if there is something financial in it for them.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to make some kind of change to your routine and you need to make it immediately. Astrology is all about time and timing and the time to get started is now — while energy and motivation are high.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You've enjoyed an easy ride in recent weeks and you know that at some stage you will have to pay for it. That stage will most likely arrive when the Sun changes signs on the 21st.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be confused about your goals but in a matter of days your mind will be clear and the way ahead will be nicely mapped out for you. Listen to, and follow, your heart.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Let partners and loved ones know what you will and won't put up with. A reason there's been so many arguments of late is that some people have got the impression you can be easily manipulated. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

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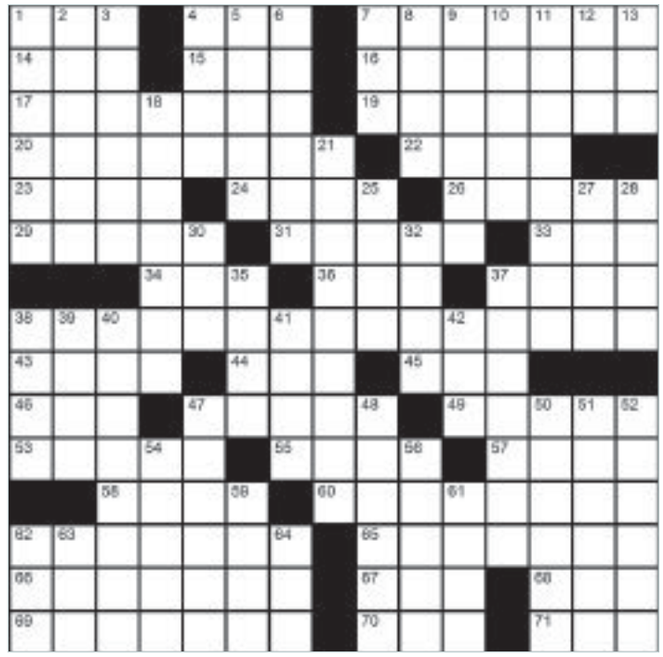
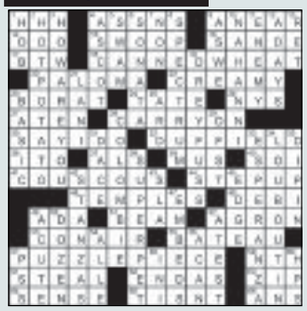


Across
1. Desks/gym/books locale, briefly
4. IV units
7. Hamlet located in the upper left corner of the Northwest Territories
14. Grand __ Opry
15. Direct
16. George __ (Canadian heavyweight boxing great)
17. Canadian actress who starred in "King Kong" (1933): 2 wds.
19. Vegas venues
20. The Doctor, for one, on British series "Doctor Who": 2 wds.
22. Flatbread variety
23. Periods
24. Highbrow
26. Bent
29. Leases
31. High-speed Amtrak train
33. Bath bathroom?
34. "Yuck!"
36. Sarcastic
37. Caesar's 1056
38. Transport Canada and Health Canada, for example: 2 wds.
43. Giant of ancient Greek mythology
44. Web chuckle
45. First 'S' in USSR [abbr.]
46. Vladimir Putin's lang.
47. Gambles
49. MasterCards rivals
53. Name
55. __-Iles, QC
57. British singer Cheryl
58. Inflates
60. Like many bottles
62. Spoons song: "Romantic __"
65. Windsor __ (National Basketball League of Canada team)
66. Decuple
67. Spelled-out letter
68. 'For' vote
69. Famed hairstylist Vidal
70. Sugary suffix
71. Queen __. _. (Toronto thoroughfare)

Down
1. Milder
2. Fashion magazine, Marie __
3. US Ambassador to Canada, Bruce A. __
4. Rocker Mr. Perkins
5. Florentine 'farewells'
6. Julia Roberts' Georgia birthplace
7. Li'l Toronto sports arena
8. "Star Trek II: The Wrath of __" (1982)
9. Zambia's capital
10. Birdlike
11. Gino __, Montreal-born singer
12. UN workers' gr.
13. 'Joyful Rebellion' Toronto-born rapper
18. Some Terrier dogs, fun-style
21. "Shake It Like It's Saturday Night", new single by what Canadian country band?: 2 wds.
25. Arctic naut. danger
27. Endearing emotion
28. Yous, in French, say
30. TV part [abbr.]
32. Caustics
35. Hindu goddess of many arms
37. 1980 crime film starring The Who singer Roger Daltrey
38. __ Vermilion, AB
39. Lovely kit
40. Sweeping accessories
41. Gain's antonym
42. Fall mo.
47. "Let's Get Ridiculous" rapper
48. Swimmer's sporty sponsor
50. Canuck grocery store
51. "Ready!": 2 wds.
52. Teeter-totter
54. Slangy giggles
56. Snazzy suits, shortly
59. Farm tower
61. War movie, "Pursuit of the Graf __" (1956)
62. Audi models
63. Actor Stephen
64. North American, e.g.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	7			9				4
		8	3		6			7
			7	4	8			
	9					4		
6	5						2	1
		1					3	
			1	5	7			
9			2		4	3		
2				3			5	

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	7	1	8	5	6	2	4	9
2	9	5	3	4	1	7	6	8
6	4	8	9	2	7	1	5	3
8	1	2	7	9	4	5	3	6
4	6	7	5	1	3	8	9	2
9	5	3	6	8	2	4	1	7
1	3	4	2	6	8	9	7	5
7	2	9	4	3	5	6	8	1
5	8	6	1	7	9	3	2	4

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